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PREFACE.

The idea of publishing facsimiles of the existing Anglo-Saxon Charters by the photozincographic process was first mooted in November 1874 by Lieutenant-General Sir Henry James, the late Director-General of the Ordnance Survey, who recommended to the First Commissioner of Works the publication of a series of facsimiles of MSS. of the Anglo-Saxon period as a necessary supplement to the other publications of National Manuscripts already made by the Ordnance Survey Department, and proposed that, as a sample of these documents, a Charter of King Edgar, A.D. 974, containing a grant of land at Nymed, in Devonshire, should be copied, and copies of it inserted in the Annual Progress Report of the Ordnance Survey for the year 1874.

The Lords of the Treasury approved of the proposal to photozincograph the Charter of King Edgar, but reserved their decision on the larger question of publishing a series of the Charters until they should be furnished with a statement of the number that would be recommended by the Master of the Rolls for publication, and the cost that would be incurred in producing the facsimiles.

The subject having been referred to the Master of the Rolls, his Lordship stated his opinion that the publication by the process of photozincography of a series of Anglo-Saxon Charters, under the superintendence of the Director-General of the Ordnance Survey, would be a valuable contribution to our National History, and at the suggestion of Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, Deputy Keeper of the Records, the collection of Anglo-Saxon MSS. was selected as the one to be first photozincographed, with the intention that if it was successful another collection should on its completion be taken in hand.

The Lords of the Treasury having given their sanction to this proposal, and the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury having very liberally allowed their collection to be brought to this Office, facsimiles were made of the whole number, and the volume published under the direction of my predecessor the late Lieutenant-General Cameron.

Upon its completion, General Cameron recommended to the First Commissioner of Works that the collections belonging to the Cathedrals of Exeter, Westminster, and Wells should be proceeded with next. This was approved by the Treasury who subsequently on my recommendation to the First Commissioner of Works authorised the addition of those of Worcester and Westminster, the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Ilchester, Her Majesty's Record Office, the Bodleian Library, Winchester College, the Salt Library at Stafford, and the Archæological Society's Museum at Taunton, all of which have been placed at the disposal of Government for that purpose. This volume is in the Press and will be very shortly published.

The above were at the time supposed to be all the available collections in England, and to exhaust the series of Anglo-Saxon Charters remaining extant, with the exception of those in the British Museum, which are being reproduced by order of the Trustees by another process; but since then it has been ascertained that another, and a remarkably fine set, exists in the Library of Ashburnham Place, and the Earl of Ashburnham has most kindly acceded to the request that they should be reproduced.

The Lords of the Treasury having given their sanction, the work will be commenced forthwith.

No pains have been spared by Colonel Carey, R.E., who has charge of the photozincographic department at this Office, to make the facsimiles as perfect as possible.

The supervision and general editing of the whole work has been entrusted by the Master of the Rolls to Mr. W. Basevi Sanders, who has been attached to this Office for the purpose of performing these duties for the series of National MSS. published here, and to whose valuable advice and assistance in all matters connected with the publication of these extremely important and interesting records of the history of England I am much indebted.

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Major-General.

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INTRODUCTION.

The originals of the Facsimiles contained in this volume belong to the Deans and Chapters of Westminster, Exeter, Wells, Winchester, and Worcester; the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Ilchester, Winchester College, Her Majesty's Record Office, the Bodleian Library, the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society's Museum in Taunton Castle, and the Salt Library at Stafford. They consist of charters and other documents granted by, or during the reigns of, Baldred, Æthelred, Offa and Burgred, Kings of Mercia, Uhtred of the Huiccas, Ceadwalla and Ini of Wessex, Æthelwulf, Eadward the Elder, Æthelstan, Eadmund the First, Eadred, Eadwig, Eadgar, Eadward the Second, Æthelred the Second, Cnut, Eadward the Confessor, and William the Conqueror, embracing altogether a period of nearly four hundred years.

The Westminster collection furnishes eighteen MSS., nine of which are printed in the Codex from the Cottonian Codex Faustina, A. III., supposed to have been compiled by the Monk Sulcard, the first historian of Westminster Abbey. Three appear in the Diplomatarium, two of which are taken from the same source, and the third from I cannot quite understand where, a note appended to it being apparently in contradiction of the reference given in the index. Wanley's list of Westminster MSS. comprises only two, or at most three, for I cannot make out whether Eadward the Confessor's Foundation Charter is meant to be included in it or not. The two most prominent among this collection, namely, St. Dunstan's Charter and the Foundation Charter of Westminster Abbey by Eadward the Confessor are largely discussed by Hickes in his Preface and his Dissertatio Epistolaris attached to the Thesaurus. Four are printed by Widmore in the Appendices to his "Enquiry into the time of the first foundation of Westminster Abbey" and his "History of Westminster Abbey." That there were others—many years ago—belonging to the Dean and Chapter appears from the list of their MSS. published by Wanley, which, although a very short one, enumerates some that are no longer to be found among the Westminster collection, including "charta illa splendidissima Eadgari Regis," which, with that "non minus splendida S. Dunstani," forms the subject of some of Hickes' pungent animadversions. That they have, however, long been missing is to be gathered from a list of all the MSS. then in the Chapter House made by Mr. Petrie, the Keeper of the Records in the Tower of London, in which they are not mentioned. As a set-off to this there are now in the Chapter House very many more than Wanley makes any note of.

The Exeter collection contains fifteen separate charters, two of which have each the copy of another written on the dorse, so that seventeen are really represented in this volume; their dates ranging from A.D. 938 to A.D. 1069. And in addition to these is a small MS. written in Anglo-Saxon, which possesses considerable topographical interest, as setting out the boundaries of a portion of Dartmoor.

Of this splendid series of charters, six are printed in the Codex, from Hickes, Harleian, Lansdown, Wanley's, and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, MSS., and the New Monasticon, and two in the Diplomatarium from the same Harleian MS., the New Monasticon, and the Corpus Christi MS. The first of these two is also referred to in the index to the Exeter original; but it presents the same differences from the Exeter MS. that exist in the copy printed in the Codex. Three of the witnesses also are omitted. Many are alluded to and some printed by Hickes, who states that copies had been supplied him by the Dean and Chapter. With two exceptions they are also quoted by Wanley, and endorsed, almost in his words, by Dr. Lyttleton—who was Dean of Exeter from A.D. 1745 to 1762, when he was elected Bishop of Carlisle—much to their disfigurement.

It sounds like a sarcasm upon history and the honesty of its chroniclers to say that the magnificent Foundation Charter of Westminster Abbey by Eadward the Confessor, the scarcely less splendid charter granted to the same church by Dunstan, and the remarkable charter granted by Eadward the Confessor to Bishop Leofric of Exeter, wherein is described in full the ceremony of the induction of that Prelate by the King and Queen to the united sees of Devon and Cornwall—all of them of the first importance to the great churches to which they belong, whose history they profess to record, and by whom they have been preserved with religious care for so many centuries—are reputed forgeries.

The Cathedral of Wells furnishes one Charter, Winchester Cathedral contributes two, and Winchester College four, Worcester Cathedral one, the Marquis of Bath two, the Earl of Ilchester five, Her Majesty's Record Office one, the Bodleian Library one, the Somersetshire Archæological Society one, and the Salt Library one; all these will be found fully described, under their respective numbers, in the following list.

WESTMINSTER.

No. I. A grant of land in Battersea and its neighbourhood, dated A.D 693. The names of both grantor and grantee have been carefully and entirely erased beyond the possibility of restoration, but an endorsement, of probably the fifteenth century, professes to supply both, and says that the former was Agelric Bishop of Dorchester and the latter the Church of St. Peter at Westminster. No Bishop Agelric either of that or any other see in England is to be found at the date given, when Wilfrid administered the bishopric of Leicester and Dorchester. Æthelwine filled the episcopal chair at Lindsey, and it may be that Agelric is a misspelling for Æthelwine. A charter, however, printed with an asterisk in the Codex, No. XXXVIII., seems to throw some doubt on the truth of this endorsement. By this Charter Ercenwald Bishop of London confers certain lands upon Barking Abbey, and among these an estate "near the Hyde burn, and called Battersea, which he had received from King Cedwalla," a description which tallies with that in the alleged charter of Agelric's. This charter is dated 695, but Bishop Ercenwald died in 693 and was buried in Barking Abbey. Among the boundaries recited in this grant is the name of a place that is suggestive of the nickname given to dwellers within the sound of Bow-bells, the etymology of which has been so much disputed, "Cockaneye." Among them also is Wendleswurthe, the "Village on the Wandle," Wandsworth, and "Vfre," probably the "Effra," the muddy stream now happily covered in, which a few years ago used to be seen winding its sluggish way into the Thames through the gasworks at Nine Elms. "Byrnardes byriels," "Barnard's burial place," and "Gryndeles elrene," "Grendel's alder trees," specimens of the allusions which often occur in the recital of boundaries in Anglo-Saxon grants of land, and invest them with so much interest, are also mentioned. Among the witnesses to this charter are King Æthelred, Headda Bishop of Winchester, the famous Bishop Wilfrid at that time administering the see of Leicester, Hedda Bishop of Lichfield, Tirtil Bishop of Hereford, Eadgar elect of Lindsey, Brihtwald Archbishop of Canterbury, Waldhere Bishop of London, and another Bishop, Brihtmaer, whose name does not occur in the lists of bishops of that date. The crosses accompanying the names of the witnesses are placed after them. As regards the date of this charter it presents the difficulty of representing King Cedwalla as being alive in 693, when his baptism and death at Rome are stated to have occurred within a few days of each other in April 688, or, according to Geoffery of Monmouth, 689. And if we assume the year given to be a clerical error for one of the two of Cedwalla's short reign, the same difficulty arises as to some of the other bishops, notably with Archbishop Brihtwold and Bishop Waldhere, who were neither of them consecrated till 693.

This charter is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, nor is it mentioned in Wanley's list of MSS. belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, or those relating to Westminster preserved in the Cottonian Library. Latin and Saxon.

No. II. is a grant by King Offa of Mercia in 785 of land in Aldenham to St. Peter and God's folk in Thorney, "in loco terribili quod dicitur aet Westminster," for which grant Abbot Ordbriht had paid one hundred mancuses of red gold in a bracelet or circlet. Among the witnesses are Offa himself and his Queen Cynethrith, Iambriht Archbishop of Canterbury, Heathored Bishop of Worcester, Eatta the King's dish-thane or steward, and the Mercian Prince Brorda. There is also a Bishop Utel, perhaps of Hereford, as the dates ascribed to the occupancy of the see by that Prelate, although in advance of the date of this Charter, are conflicting and uncertain. Queen Cynethrith's attestation is accompanied by two crosses, one the usual cross attached to the name of each witness by the writer of the document, the other expressly stated by the Queen to have been made by herself. After the witnesses come three crosses by themselves without any names. In the year 1249 Aldenham became the subject of a protracted dispute between the Abbots of Westminster and St. Albans. The handwriting of this charter, which is not quite in such fine condition as the majority of the Westminster MSS., is very good. In the Saxon endorsement Offa is styled "Mercene reccere," the Mercian governor or ruler. The charter is printed in the Codex with an asterisk from Widmore, who takes it to be especially genuine. It does not appear in the Diplomatarium or Wanley's lists. Widmore's Enquiry, App. III. Cod. Dip. CXLIX. Monasticon, I. 291. Latin and Saxon.

No. III. A grant by King Eadwig in 957 of lands in Lockersley and Tunworth to his Thane Lyfinc. There are twenty-four witnesses to this charter, among whom are King Eadwig and his brother Eadgar, Archbishop Odo, Ælfsin, who was afterwards translated from Winchester to Canterbury, but was never consecrated, having been frozen to death crossing the Alps on his way to Rome for his pall; the Bishops of London, Worcester, Dorchester, Ramsbury, Wells, and Elmham, the Mercian ealdorman Ælfhere, Byrtnoth ealdorman, who was slain at Maldon, Æthelwold, son of the Half-king Æthelstan, King Eadgar's perfidious go-between with Ordgar's beautiful daughter Æltthryth, and seven thanes. The accompanying crosses are all connected together in one after a very unusual fashion. A space is left for the initial "I," which has not been filled in. After the attestations comes a recital of boundaries in Saxon, which have nothing to do with this grant, but refer to the property granted in the first of the Westminster collection, though not quite word for word with those therein recited. Among these boundaries we find Balham, and at the end is this curious sentence, "Hereto belongeth the wood that is called Penge, seven miles and seven furlongs and seven feet round about." A detached portion of Battersea parish still lies in Penge. It is a wood no longer, and only about two thirds of its ancient dimensions, but it still retains a connection with the number 7, for its acreage is a fraction over seven thousand seven hundred acres. This Charter has not been printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, and is not mentioned in Wanley's lists. Latin and Saxon.

No. IV. A grant by King Eadgar in 959 of land in the neighbourhood of London to St. Peter's, Westminster, in confirmation of the previous grant by King Offa, the revenue accruing therefrom to be applied to the repairs of

the Abbey's dilapidated chapels, for which grant one hundred golden shillings in a bracelet are stated to have been paid. This charter is stated to have been granted at Glastonbury before proper witnesses, but their names are not recited therein. It is in imperfect condition, and those portions which have perished are supplied from another MS. belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, which contains copies of this and other grants to their church, with many important differences, however. Among the boundaries appears "the wide high street at Tyburn leading to the old stocks at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, and so into London Fen." I have rendered the word "mansinculæ," yokelets, that being the synonymous English term given to them in the grant by King Cenwulf to Archbishop Wulfræd published in the Canterbury volume, though I am not aware that that word is in use out of the county of Kent. In quoting King Offa's grant of privileges to the church throughout England, King Eadgar does so as having been made at the exhortation of Archbishop Wulfræd, who was not, however, appointed to the see of Canterbury for some years after Offa's death. The date given in this charter, 951, is also wrong, as Eadgar did not come to the throne till 958. In the Codex, where it is printed with an asterisk from Widmore's Enquiry, it is ascribed to 971, but this seems at variance with the King's reference to Dunstan and with Dunstan's own assertion that he had bought the property from King Eadgar for the sum mentioned in his charter of the first of April 959, to which year it not improbably belongs. It is not printed in the Diplomatarium or quoted by Wanley. Cod. Dip. DLXIX. Widmore's Enquiry, App. IV., p. 21. Latin and Saxon.

No. V. A charter by Dunstan, Bishop of London, in 959, to the church of St. Peter's, Westminster, whereby, after reciting and confirming the privileges conferred upon monastic institutions by divers Popes, such as exemption from all episcopal authority and the enjoyment of a quiet life, undisturbed by clerical molestation or secular uproar, he grants to the Brethren of St. Peter's freedom from ministerial visitations and synods, the gratuitous acceptation for the see of London of chrism and oil, the concession of all claims that might accrue to the Bishop of London in case of death or bodily injury to any of the brotherhood, a gratuitous loan of the "blessed iron," or any other blessed instruments adapted to the purpose, in case of the necessity arising for inquiry by ordeal—into any theft occurring within the precincts of the monastery, release from the payment of Romescot, and the enjoyment of any other privilege in his power to bestow that might tend to the liberty and exaltation of the house. Bishop Dunstan then enumerates the various estates which he has purchased from different persons and bestowed upon the Abbey. The witnesses are King Eadgar, Dunstan the Archbishop of York, and the Bishops of Rochester, Winchester, Dorchester, Hereford, and Sherborne. Dunstan's seal still pendant is in perfect preservation. It bears on the obverse a figure of the bishop, seated, with his feet resting on a stool, holding a pastoral staff in his right hand, and in his left a book, with the legend "The seal of Dunstan Bishop of London." On the reverse is the impression of his signet ring, a little effigy of himself, standing, with the legend "Dunstan Bishop of Worcester." The remains of a silken veil are still attached to the charter, which is adorned with golden crosses placed both before and after the name of each witness.

This splendid charter is printed with asterisks in the Codex and Diplomatarium from the Cottonian MS. Faustina, A. III., and it is also quoted by Wanley in his list of MSS. belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster as supposititious. Hickes, in his Dissertatio Epistolaris, impugns its authenticity upon points savouring of Norman customs and times, its seals, its crosses, and its phraseology. There appears to be a discrepancy in its dates. The year 959 was not the fourth but the first of Eadgar's reign, unless we count it as beginning with his succession to the kingdom of Mercia in 955. Oswald was not translated from Worcester to York till 972. Of the two Ælfegas, Bishops of Winchester, one died in 951 and the other was not nominated till 984. Æscwig was not consecrated to Dorchester till about 978, and the date of Æthelsi's appointment to Sherborne is placed in the same year. Cod. Dip. MCCXXIII. Dip. Angl. p. 195. Hickes, D. E., pp. 66 78. Latin.

No. VI. A grant by King Eadgar in 962 of land in Sunbury to his kinsmen Ælfheh. Among the witnesses are the two Archbishops, Dunstan and Oscytel, the Bishops of Ramsbury, Wells, and Worcester, and one abbot, Æthelwold, who, from his prominent position in the list, is probably the famous Abbot of Abingdon whom King Eadgar is said to have esteemed next to Dunstan, and whom he made Bishop of Winchester in the year following the date of this document. I have translated "utensilia," utensils, as there is no equivalent word in English. It is a general term applied to cattle, provender, and many other things besides those mentioned in this charter. This charter is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, nor is it mentioned in Wanley's list. Latin and Saxon.

No. VII. is one of those curious narratives concerning property that are not unfrequently met with among the Anglo Saxon Charters. As is generally the case, the tale is a little confused and complicated, but the gist of it appears to be this: A woman named Thurwif belonging to one Ælfsige, the son of Byrhsige of Ickslay, had been stolen and traced to one Æthelstan living on his property at Sunbury, who acknowledged the vouching, but refused to give up the woman. However, upon Ælfsige taking steps to compel him Æthelstan does so and indemnifies Ælfsige with two pounds. Byrhtferth the ealdorman then demanded his "wer" from Æthelstan for the failure of his vouching, and as Æthelstan says he has nothing to pay him with his brother Eadward offers to pay it for him, on consideration of his handing over to him the deeds of the family property at Sunbury. Æthelstan refuses, and is accordingly turned out by Byrhtferth. At this juncture the reigning monarch Eadred dies, and his nephew Eadwig comes to the throne, upon which Æthelstan returns; but Eadwig gives the land to Byrnric and Æthelstan is again expelled. In the meantime the Mercians have elected Eadgar king, and to him goes Æthelstan and prays for judgment, which the "witan" gives against him unless he pays the King his wer, and as he cannot do this himself, and will not allow his brother Eadward to do so for him, the King gives the estate to the ealdorman Æthelstan, from whom it is purchased by Eegferth and handed over to Bishop Dunstan in trust for his wife and children.

Eegferth dies and Dunstan wishes to perform the trust, but is prevented by King Eadgar, who upon the plea of Eegferth having committed suicide takes possession of the land himself and gives to his kinsman the ealdorman Ælfhch, refusing even to allow Dunstan his wer. Six years after this Dunstan buys the estate from Ælfhch and retains undisputed possession of it.

In the preceding charter, No. V. of this collection, we find this estate at Sunbury given to St. Peter's, Westminster by Dunstan, who records his purchase of it from Ælfhch, and in the next, No. VI., King Eadgar's grant of it to Ælfhch. These two charters present the singular discrepancy that Dunstan's, which should follow the King's, is dated 959. King Eadgar's 962.

A note in the Diplomatarium, where the MS. is printed, after remarking on the difficulties presented by it, states that unfortunately the editor had not been successful in finding the manuscript, notwithstanding the good will of the authorities at Westminster, and as the only reference given in the index of the Diplomatarium is that which applies to this MS. I do not know from what other copy the version there given has been made. It only differs from the original—apart from minor differences of spelling—in the omission of the paragraph relating to Eadwig's succession. It is printed in the Diplomatarium under the date 962, which does not tally with the statement that it was six years after King Eadgar's grant of the property to Ælfhch that Dunstan purchased it of the latter. The MS. is endorsed "Sunnanburge talu." The story or tale of Sunbury. It is not printed in the Codex and does not appear in Wanley's list. Dip. Angl. p. 206. Saxon.

No VIII. A grant by King Eadgar in 967 to Archbishop Dunstan of a plot of land in Chaldon, which a certain layman, by name Eadwold, had forfeited to the King in consequence of his having committed public larceny. Among the witnesses are Archbishop Oswald, the Bishops of Winchester, Sherborne, Selsey and Wells, and the two ealdormen Ælfhere and Ælfheah. In this document we have another instance of Oswald being styled archbishop some years before he is supposed to have been translated to York. Not in the Codex, Diplomatarium, or Wanley's list. Latin and Saxon.

No. IX. Letters patent under the Great Seal of Eadward the Confessor, addressed to Eadsi Archbishop of Canterbury, Godwine Bishop of Rochester, Leofwine Earl of Kent, the two marshals Osgar and Robert son of Wimarch, and all the King's thanes in Kent, confirming Ælsere's grant of Leosne to St. Peter's, Westminster. This document, which is undated, is printed in the Codex from the Cottonian MS. Faustina, A. III., f. 105-6, under the year 1066; but this date does not tally with that of the primacy of Eadsig, who died in 1050. The grant is recited in King Eadward's Charter of 1066 to Westminster, printed in the Codex, No. DCCCXXIV. The names of the marshal Osgar, the great grandson of Osgood Scalp, and of the marshal Robert the son of Wimarch and the father of earl Suein of Essex, both figure in Doomsday Book as holding lands in England previous to the Survey. The property granted in this charter would seem never to have actually passed to the church of Westminster, which does not appear among the tenants in chief of Kent in Doomsday Book; but the estate in question is recorded there as being held in chief by the Bishop of Bayeux; his tenant being Robert the Latiner or Interpreter, whose Saxon predecessor was one Agor, the Ælsere probably of this document. A portion of the Great Seal still remains pendant to it. Not printed in the Diplomatarium, but quoted in Wanley's list of Cottonian MSS. Cod. Dip. DCCCXXVIII. Monasticon, I, 298. Saxon.

No. X. Letters patent by King Eadward addressed to the Bishop of London, Earl Harold, Esgar Marshal, and all his thanes in Middlesex, granting Staines and Staninga haga "within London," with all privileges therewith, to St. Peter's, Westminster. Printed in the Codex, from MS. Cott. Faustina, A. III., f. 104, and quoted in Wanley's lists of MSS. Cott. and Westminster. Not in the Diplomatarium. Staines is entered in Doomsday Book as belonging to St. Peter's at the time of the Survey. Staningahaga is not mentioned, but it is perhaps included in the district entered as "The vill where the Church of St. Peter is situate," a fine estate of thirteen hides, containing pastures, woods, orchards, and vineyards. A similar instrument to this, of the same date, and addressed to the Bishop of London, Osgood Clap, sheriff Ulf, and the thanes of Middlesex is quoted, and printed by Hickes at page 158 of his Anglo-Saxon Grammar to demonstrate the gradual transition of the Saxon tongue into the Anglo-Norman dialect. Cod. Dip. DCCCLV. Monasticon, I, 298. Saxon.

No. XI. Letters patent by King Eadred, addressed to the Bishop of Lichfield, Earl Eadwine, and all his thanes of Staffordshire, granting Pertune to St. Peter's, Westminster.

Pertune is entered in Doomsday Book as part of the possessions of the Church of Westminster at the time of the Survey. Printed in the Codex from MS. Cott. Faustina, A. III., f. 109, 6, and quoted in Wanley's list of Cottonian MSS. Not in the Diplomatarium. Cod. Dip. DCCCXLII Monasticon, I, 300. Saxon.

No. XII. A duplicate of the preceding, with a portion of the Great Seal still attached to it.

No. XIII. Letters patent by King Eadward, addressed to Wulfwi, Bishop of Dorchester, Sheriff Northman, Ælfwine, Merefinne's son, and all the thanes of Northamptonshire, granting Rutland with its appurtenances to St. Peter at Westminster after the demise of the Lady Eadgith, who was to hold it during her life. A portion of the Great Seal still remains attached to this document. Queen Eadgith's property in Rutland is described in Doomsday Book as consisting of 70 mansions, with all customs, "sine panificis," which Kelham renders "besides what the baker paid," two carucates and a half of land, one plough, and forty-five acres of meadow outside the town, altogether valued at 6l. at the time of taking the Survey as against 4l. in the time of King Edward. Printed in the Codex from Faust. A. III., f. 109, where it is also quoted by Wanley. Not in Diplomatarium. Undated. Cod. Dip. DCCCLXIII. Widmore's History of Westminster Abbey, App. I. Monasticon, I, 299. Saxon.

No. XIV. Letters patent by King Edward, addressed to his bishops, abbots, and thanes in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, granting Pershore and Deerhurst with their appurtenances to St Peter's, Westminster. A portion of the Great Seal is still pendant to this document. At the period of the Doomsday Survey the Abbey of Westminster held large estates in both the counties mentioned in this grant, especially in the former, where the manor of Pershore is set down as of two hundred hides, and is especially recorded as having been granted to the Abbey by King Edward as free from all claim as he himself had held it in his demesne, witness the whole county. In Gloucestershire the manor of Deerhurst is entered to the Abbey as containing fifty-nine hides, and as having returned in farm 41*l.* and eight sextaires of honey, royal measure. This MS. is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, nor is it mentioned in Wanley's lists, but an instrument addressed by King Eadward to Archbishop Ealdred of York, Bishop Wlstan of Worcester, Wltwi and all the king's headmen, thanes, sheriffs, and friends in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire granting the same property is printed in the Codex No. DCCCXXIX. from Faust. A. III., f. 109.6, and another version of the same grant at No. DCCCXXX. from Faust. A. III., f. 112. Undated. Monasticon I, 300. Saxon.

No. XV. Letters patent by King Eadward, addressed to Stigand Bishop of Winchester, Wulfwold Abbot of Chertsey, Earl Leofwine, Tostig Huskarll, and all the royal thanes of Surrey, granting Claygate with its appurtenances to St. Peter's, Westminster. A portion of the Great Seal is still attached to this document, which has suffered much from damp. Among other privileges conferred by this grant is exemption from the payment of "Dane geld," which was abolished by King Eadward in 1049. In this MS. we incidentally meet with the name of the Confessor's Foster-mother Leofrun, the wife of Earl Tostig; just as in a similar document, addressed to Wulfwig Bishop of Dorchester, Earl Gyrth, and the thanes of Gloucestershire, we learn from the King's own mouth the name of his birth place, "þæt cotlif þe ic þæs boren inne bi naman Githslepe," the village in which I was born by name "Islip." This Earl Tostig cannot be Godwine's son, who was younger than King Eadward, and whose wife was Judith daughter of Baldwin, Count of Flanders; he is perhaps the Tostig Huskarll to whom these letters are addressed. The occurrence here in such position of the word "huscarle," raises it above the meaning ascribed it of a domestic servant or at the most a military retainer, and points to that of some high officer of the court or palace. This MS. is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, and does not appear in Wanley's lists. Saxon.

No. XVI. Letters patent by King Eadward, addressed to the bishops, earls, and thanes of those shires in which St. Peter's, Westminster and its Abbot Eadwine held lands, conferring privileges upon that house. Printed in the Codex from MS. Cott. Faust. A. III., f. 110 and 111, from whence it is quoted by Wanley. Not in the Diplomatarium. Cod. Dip. DCCCLXXXIX. Widmore's Enquiry, App. I. Monasticon, I, 295. Saxon.

No. XVII. Nearly identical with the preceding, but much discoloured and defaced.

No. XVIII. The Foundation Charter of Westminster Abbey by King Eadward. Printed in the Codex with an asterisk, and in the Diplomatarium without one, from the same copy in MS. Cott Faustina. A. III. A full account of this splendid charter is given by Hickes, who particularizes those points in it which appear to him to furnish conclusive evidence of its having been written after the Norman Conquest. It is dated on the Fifth Calends of January. December 28, the day of the Holy Innocents, A.D. 1066, the third Indiction, and the 25th year of King Edward's reign. The historical year being reckoned from Christmas Day, which would give 1065, the Indiction and Regnal Year apply to 1066. See Anglo-Saxon Chronicle MLXV. "And King Edward came to Westminster at Midwinter, and there caused the Monastery to be hallowed which he himself had built to the glory of God and St. Peter and to all Saints. And the Church Hallowing was on Childermas Day." [Innocents Day, December 28. A. S. Cildamæsse dæg.] He died on the eve of Twelfth Day Twelftan æfen, 1066, January 5. See Florence of Worcester, 613, A. M. H. "In Nativitate vero Domini curiam suam ut potuit Londoniæ tenuit et ecclesiam quam ipse a fundamentis construxerat die Sanctorum Innocentium in honorem S. Petri Apostolorum Principis cum magna gloria dedicari fecit." The charter has a fine array of witnesses, thirty-nine in number, comprising both archbishops, the Bishops of London, Sherborne, Dorchester, Hereford, Exeter, Wells, Worcester, Rochester, and Lichfield; seven abbots, including Eadwine of Westminster; the King's chancellor Reinbald, whose mode of attestation is worthy of notice as evidence of the caution proper to such a high functionary; the royal chaplains Osbern, Peter, and Robert; the brothers Harold, Gyrth, and Leofwine; the brothers Morkere and Eadwine; six thanes, and six knights. It was written by the notary Æltgeat acting for the Chancellor Reinbald. The crosses are placed after the witnesses' names. The remains of a silken veil still exists, and a portion of the Great Seal is still pendant. The first syllable of the last attesting bishop is gone, and I have presumed that it may have been Leofwine of Lichfield. In the Codex and Diplomatarium it is "Godwine," and as they have been printed from the Cottonian copy there can be no doubt that this is the name given, but there is no Bishop Godwine in any of the published lists within many years of the date of this charter; the nearest being Godwine of Rochester, who died before 1058. Cod. Dip. DCCCXXV. Dip. Angl p. 406. Hickes, Preface, p. xxxvii. Latin.

EXETER.

No. I. A grant by King Æthelstan, in 938, to the Monastery of St. Mary's, Exeter, of land in Rookstock. Among the witnesses are the King and the Ætheling Eadmund; the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Bishops of London, Winchester, and Crediton; and another, Brihtelm, whose name occurs in subscriptions of this period, but whose see is a matter for conjecture. This and the succeeding charter are held up by Hickes as "egregia doli et imposturæ exempla,"

principally for three reasons: their date, 670, when Æthelstan did not come to the throne till 925; because Bishop Æthelstan was not consecrated to Selsey till after Æthelstan's death; and because the words "cum sigillo crucis" are evidence of Norman construction, seals having never been affixed to Anglo-Saxon charters before the reign of Eadward the Confessor. The discrepancy in the date seems too glaring to have been the work of a forger; it was more probably the result of careless transcription. I have assumed the true date of this and the two succeeding charters to be 938, that being the year in Æthelstan's reign that agrees with the 11th Indiction. As to the second objection, there is no necessity for Æthelgar to have been Bishop of Selsey, because there was another prelate of that name, whose signature to a grant to a religious house in Exeter is peculiarly appropriate, perhaps even necessary, Æthelgar of Crediton, who ruled that see from 934 to 953. And with regard to the third, "sigillum" is but a diminutive of "signum," and it occurs in charters whose authenticity has not been questioned. Æthelstan was a noted patron and benefactor of the town and church of Exeter; yet these two grants and a third—also represented in this volume—which, although known to Wanley, could not have been seen by Hickes, or it would certainly have been placed in the same category with the others, for it bears the same date, are the only charters of that monarch existing among the Exeter archives. It is a remarkable fact, that not only these three, but a fourth in the Cottonian Library, a fifth in the Lansdown Library, a sixth in the Salt Library at Stafford, and a seventh in the Canterbury Collection, all perpetuate the same singular mistake. The charter in the Cottonian Library was given to Archbishop Parker by the Dean of Exeter. The copy in the Lansdown Library was made by Joseph Ames in 1756 from that now in the Salt Library, but at that time in the possession of Sir Peter Thompson. An eighth charter, also belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, and printed in the Canterbury volume, has a true date, 937. In this charter no Indiction is given.

The boundaries in this first of the Exeter charters are identical with those in No. XI. succeeding. The MS. is printed in the Codex from Hickes, but incorrectly; a portion which has been left out by Hickes having been supplied from the other of Æthelstan's charters which is printed at length in the Thesaurus, and which forms No. II. of the present volume. It does not appear in the Diplomatarium. Cod. Dip. CCCLXXI. Hickes, D. E. p. 6. Latin and Saxon.

No. II. A grant by King Æthelstan, in 938, to the Monastery of St. Mary's, Exeter, of land in Cubnstock. The King and the Æthelings, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Winchester, Crediton, and Dorchester, and Bishop Birhtelm, are among the witnesses. Not in the Diplomatarium. Cod. Dip. CCCLXXIII. Hickes, D. E., p. 6. Latin and Saxon.

No. III. A grant by King Æthelstan, in 938, to the Monastery of St. Mary's, Exeter, of land in Newtown. The property granted seems, from the boundaries, to be the present Newton St. Petrock, near Bideford. Besides the bishops mentioned as witnesses to the preceding grants, there is in this a Bishop Eadhelm, whom I cannot identify. Among the estates recorded in Doomsday Book as belonging to the Church of Exeter at the time of the Great Survey is the manor of Newton, held with that of Crediton, appended to the description of which is this statement:—"De hoc manerio ostendit Osbernus Episcopus cartas suas quæ testantur Ecclesiam Sancti Petri inde fuisse saisitam antequam Rex Edwardus regnaret. Insuper tempore Regis Willielmi diratiocinavit coram Baronibus Regis esse suam." Not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, but quoted in Wanley's list of MS. belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Latin and Saxon.

No. IV. A grant by King Eadgar, in 961, of land in Clystwic to Æthelnoth. Among the witnesses are the King, the two archbishops, the Bishops of Ramsbury, Wells, Crediton, and Selsey, and Abbot Æthelwold of Abingdon, the former Dean of Glastonbury and future Bishop of Winchester. There are two dates to this charter, 951 and 960. Both are wrong, as Eadgar did not come to the throne till 959, and I have assumed 961 to be the correct date. Not in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

No. V. A grant by King Eadgar, in 960, of land in Tiwernhel and Bedenham to his thane Eanulf. The boundaries in this charter are of more than usual interest. Among them we find the "Cristelmæl," or crucifix, erected on the way side like the "Calvaries" in Roman Catholic countries at the present day, or set up to mark the site of some tragic or otherwise memorable event. From this we are led next to "Valentine's Gate," for so I render "Valentines get," and end at "Dofen soNo" and "Cofer fros," words difficult to understand, but which, if we may call in the help of Cornish and Celtic words, I suggest may mean the "sunken or deep weir," and the "tide or sea chest;" perhaps a trap for fish, made to open with the flood and close with the ebb tide, like that at Wembury Court, on the Yealm, near Plymouth. There are twenty-four witnesses, including the King, both archbishops and the Bishops of Winchester, Sherborne, Wells, Lichfield, Ramsbury, and Hereford. Not in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

No. VI. A grant by King Eadgar, in 967, of land in Lesmanoc and Pennarth to Wulfnoth Rumuncant. Besides the King and Archbishop Dunstan, the list of subscribing witnesses includes the Bishops of Winchester, London or Rochester, Wells, Sherborne, and Cornwall, by which last named prelate—or rather by his order—the charter was written in obedience to the commands of the King and his council. This charter is condemned by Hickes for several reasons: because the King in his subscription is made to use the word "sigillum" instead of "signum;" because of the "apices bicornes" of the letters employed in the description of the boundaries, which he calls a Norman-Saxon character, and the names being written in capitals, which he says were in use in the reign of Henry the First; because the word "vassal" applied to the grantee was not known in England till after the Norman invasion; and lastly, because in setting out the boundaries the Falsarius, forgetful of his work of deception, has twice used the Gallic or Norman preposition "à" instead of the Anglo-Saxon "to." The first of these cases occurs in "à geriht," the

second in "à dan," both of which are written as single words—"agerilt" and "adan"—in the original MS., though separated in Hickes's copy. Besides these objections, Hickes raises another, upon the statement that the charter has no date; the fact being that it is rather more fully dated than usual, the Regnal year being given in addition to the Dominical. The curious cognomen of the grantee is worthy of attention. This charter is printed in the Codex from Hickes, without an asterisk, but not in the Diplomatarium. Wanley, in his list of MSS. belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, describes it as "Charta, ut videtur, commentitia." Cod. Dip. DXXXIV. Hickes, D. E. pp. 6, 7. Latin and Saxon.

On the dorse is another charter of King Eadgar's of two years later date, 969, whereby the King grants some lands in Lanmoren and Trefinewethe to Æltheah Gerent and his wife Morunre. The King, Dunstan, and the Bishops of Winchester, Wells, and Sherborne are among the witnesses. Here, also, the grantee has a second name and one of distinction, being that of the old Cornish King who fought against Ine and Nunna in 710, and was beaten by them:—

"E Ine e Nun son Cosin
"Tindrent bataille a Gerentin,
"Un rei de Wales, cil est forts,
"De tut son dreit li firent tort,"

and to whom Aldhelm, at that time Abbot of Malmesbury, addressed his "librum egregium adversus errorem Britonum." Among the boundaries mention is made of two pits, perhaps mines, of which there is such a strange absence of mention in the early records of Cornwall and Devonshire. Hickes pronounces this charter "omnem plane furfuris" as the last, and Wanley calls it "charta apographa seu potius commentitia." Not in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Hickes, D. E., p. 7. Latin and Saxon.

No. VII. A grant by King Eadward the Second, in 976, of a portion of land called Hyples cald land to his vassal Ælfsige. The list of witnesses includes the King, Dunstan, and the Bishops of Winchester, Sherborne or Crediton, and Cornwall. Among the boundaries is the "great wale on Middle Hill," which I presume to mean the great gulf or whirlpool, still called a wale or weel in parts of England. The charter is dated at Piddle, and the Dominical and Regnal years, the indiction, concurrent, epact, and cycle are all given, but do not quite tally with one another. There are no crosses to the witnesses' names; and of the fourteen Exeter charters, ten are wholly, or nearly wholly, without them; but as to this particular MS., which happens to be one of the best written in the whole series, Wanley has thought it necessary to write the following sentence, which has been accordingly perpetuated on the document itself by Dean Lyttleton: "Forte mendosissime et vitiosissime scripta, a Rege rejecta fuit." The word "vasallus" again occurs here. Not in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

No. VIII. King Æthelred's charter of 994 granted to the bishopric of Cornwall, whereby the region and rule of St. Petroc is for ever conferred upon that see. The witnesses to this charter are twenty-four in number, among whom are some who played a prominent part during Æthelred's stormy reign. They include the King himself, Sigeric, Archbishop of Canterbury, by whom the charter is stated to have been written, the Bishops of Winchester, Crediton, Cornwall, Selsey, Wilton, and Sherborne, five earls, four abbots, and eight thanes. Archbishop Sigeric and the Earls Æthelweard and Ælfric were the principal counsellors of the King for the first payment of Danegeld, and it was under the safeguard of Æthelweard and Bishop Ælfeah of Winchester that King Olaf was brought to his interview with Æthelred at Andover in 994. Earl Æthelweard is also well known as a chronicler under the name of Fabius, Quæstor, Patricius, Æthelweard, as he was pleased to style himself. Ælfric, who succeeded his father Æthere as ealdorman of Mercia in 983, and had been banished for his misdeeds in 985, finished a life of notorious treachery by betraying the English army to Sweyn in 1003, when his name disappears from the page of history, though the manner of his end is unknown. Earl Leofwine fell in the battle of Æstelingdean in 1001, amongst the slain on which occasion the names of Æthelweard the King's high reve and Leofric are also recorded. Bishops Ælfric and Æltheah both became successively Archbishops of Canterbury after the death of Sigeric in 994. And Æltheah was murdered in that city by the followers of Thurcytil the Tall on the 19th of April 1012, six years after his translation from Winchester.

There are no crosses to the witnesses' names, but a large Chrismon decorates the commencement of the charter, which, together with the most prominent names, is gilded. The forms of attestation adopted by the ecclesiastical subscribers supply a fine example of the pedantic pomposity, which Malmesbury records as characteristic of the English style. The charter is printed both in the Codex and Diplomatarium, with an asterisk in each. The references given in the former are MS. Harl. 358, f. 31, and N. Mon. II, p. 355, in the latter the same, the same with the Exeter original in addition. The same misreading of the witnesses' names, however, occurs in both, and in the latter the names are omitted. It is one of the two MSS. in the Exeter Collection which has escaped an endorsement by Dr. Lyttleton, as it is not included in Wanley's list. It evidently also was not one of the thirteen of which Hickes acknowledges to have received copies, or he would have noticed so remarkable an illustration in his observations upon the use of gilded or coloured crosses and letters. Cod. Dip. DCLXXXVI. Dip. Angl., p. 285. Latin.

No. IX. A grant by King Cnut, in 1018, of land in Lauderhtun and Tinielton to Burhwold Bishop of Cornwall, that in the latter absolutely, that in the former to remain in the see. Among the witnesses are the King and Queen Ælfgifu, the two archbishops, and the Bishops of Winchester, Ramsbury, Wells, Crediton, and Cornwall. Here we find the rivals Æthelwine and Brihtwine, who were alternately Bishops of Wells, the one ejecting the other, and usurping the episcopal functions two or three times in succession, subscribing together. In the list also figure the Earls Thureil of East Anglia, the husband of Eadgyth, the Saxon Earl Thurcytil's widow, outlawed by Cnut in 1021

and slain by the Welch under Prince Griffith in 1039; Yrric of Northumbria, the Norwegian Jarl, who cut down Eadric Streona with his battle-axe in Cnut's presence and by his command, and was banished himself a few years afterwards, Egillaf the Dane, Ranig, Æthelweard, outlawed with Eadwig "Ceorla cyning," by Cnut in 1020, and Godwine, afterwards so conspicuous in English history, but who at this time was only just rising into fame; in fact this seems to be the earliest of his attestations known. The boundaries of this property, which appears to comprise the parishes of Landrake, Quethiock, and a portion of that of St. Ives, in the districts of St. German's and Liskeard, contains names of etymological interest. The first written Wodrisoc, but evidently a clerical error for Poldrisoc, means "the briery dell;" Thyrlestane, "the drilled or holed stone;" Crue terlan, "the glittering cross." Then we have the Horse well or spring, and Ælmarche's well, the charred or blasted stump, the ridge wall at the moors' head, and the army path or high road, probably the British Ikeneld Street.

Following the recital of the boundaries is a curious declaration by Cnut, that the land had been bestowed upon Bishop Burhwold by King Eadmund, whose grant he confirms. Among the notable points of this charter is the word employed to designate a portion of the property granted by it, "Hiwisce." This word is the Saxon equivalent of the Latin "familia," used by Bede and rendered by his translator, King Ælfred, "hyde land." Printed in the Codex from Wanley's MSS., f. 282*b*, and MS. Lansdown. 966, f. 86, minus the boundaries and declaration. It does not appear in the Diplomatarium. Cod. Dip. DCCXXVIII. Latin and Saxon.

No. X. Charter of privileges granted by Cnut, in 1018, to St. German's, Cornwall. The principal witnesses are the same as those in the preceding charter, with Godwine Bishop of Rochester (?) in addition. The preem is nearly identical with that of No. VIII. The crosses have not been filled in. The charter is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, and is the second in this collection that is not quoted in Wanley's list of the Exeter MSS., and it has consequently no endorsement by Lyttleton. Latin.

No. XI. A grant by King Cnut, in 1031, of land in Stoc to his thane Hunuwine. The list of witnesses includes the King and Queen, Archbishop Æthelnoth of Canterbury, the Bishops of Winchester, London, Ramsbury, Selsey, and Crediton, and the Earls Godwine—now signing at the top instead of, as he did in 1018, at the bottom of the subscribers of his degree—Siltric and Hrani. The boundaries are identical with those in No. I. Endorsed by Lyttleton. Not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

No. XII. A grant by Eadward the Confessor, in 1044, of land in Dawlish to his chaplain Leofric. The boundaries are replete with objects of interest: St. Michael's church, the salterns, the red or dusky stone, the earthen and the stone barrows, the blind well, Watershot Combe, Blac Penn, and the "Cramp Steort." One of the most prominent headlands on the coast of South Devon is called "The Bolt Tail;" and there is another, perhaps still better known, "The Start," for which the Saxon "Steort a Tail" is the equivalent. The first of these seems to have an affinity with this place named in the boundaries, but it is far west of Dawlish. The Land's End too was called "Pen wiδ Steort," the Tail of Pen Uith or the Head of the Island, and by the Cornish men Pen vou las, the End of the Earth. Blac Pen, or the Black Head, is a name given to more than one western headland. This charter boasts of no less than sixty witnesses: the King, both archbishops, the Bishops of Crediton, by whom the charter was written,—Winchester, Ramsbury, Wells, and Worcester; five abbots; the Earls Godwine, Leofric, Sweyn, and Siward of Northumberland; nine nobles, among them three other of Godwine's sons, Harold, Tostig, and Leofwine; and twenty-six thanes. The grantee was probably that Leofric who was made the first bishop of Exeter in 1050; as we find in Doomsday Book that Dawlish formed part of the possessions of the bishops of that fee at the time of the survey. In the Doomsday entry this property is returned as geldable for seven hides in Saxon days, and as including arable land enough to employ thirty ploughs. The seven hides tally with the seven "mansi" in this grant, and the special mention of the words "ad aranδum" testify to the same large proportions of plough land. This fine charter has three endorsements, the original in Anglo-Saxon, the second in very early English, the third of the thirteenth century in Latin. It is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

No. XIII. A charter by King Eadward the Confessor, in 1050, uniting Cornwall and Devonshire in one bishopric under one bishop at Exeter, and appointing Leofric to the see. The witnesses are King Eadward, the two archbishops, the Bishops of Winchester, Ramsbury, and Worcester; the Abbots of Malmesbury, Winchester, and Tavistock; the priests Raenbald, Godman, and Godwine, all of whose names appear in Doomsday Book; the Earls Godwine, Leofric, Siward, Sweyn, Harold, and Ralph, in Doomsday Book called "old Earl Ralph," the father of Ralph de Guader; the nobles Tostig, Odda, and Brihtric, all prominent names among the Saxon holders of land in the time of King Eadward; and nine thanes.

This important Charter in the history of the Church of Exeter is pronounced by Hickes to be the work of a "Falsarius" since the time of Henry the First. His reasons are that the Archbishop of Canterbury was never called Eadsinus till a later period than that assigned to the charter, and that he died before the date it bears; that the charter has no marks of the cross or seals to authenticate it; that there is no mention made of the stately ceremony recorded in it by any other writer; that there is not a letter in it that is not Norman or Roman, although the Saxon character was in use long after the advent of the Normans; and that the Dominical year and Indiction given in the date do not tally with the Epact. With regard to the two first objections, the archbishop's name is latinized as "Eadsinus" in several charters whose authenticity has not on that account been called in question, and his death is recorded to have happened on the 29th of October 1050, the year in which the MS. is dated, and not in 1047 or 1049. Hickes adds that the "Falsarius" had not dared to insert the month in the date for fear of being thereby discovered. Dugdale appears to have believed the charter to be genuine, but Hickes deplores the slight knowledge of Saxon MSS.

evinced in the publication of the Monasticon. It is quoted by Wanley, in his list of Exeter MSS., in words that show no suspicion entertained by himself as to its genuineness; and it has three very early endorsements in Latin, besides the original endorsement in Anglo-Saxon. It is printed in the Codex, with an asterisk, and in the Diplomatarium, without one, in both cases from the same copy belonging to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and the latter has reference to Hickes' copy as well. The lists of witnesses in the Cambridge copy and the Exeter original are not identical. In the Codex the crosses are supplied. Cod. Dip. DCCXCI. Dip. Angl. p. 315. Hickes, D. T. p. 16. Latin.

No. XIV. A grant by King Eadward the Confessor, in 1059, of land in Cornwall to Bishop Aldred. The list of witnesses to this grant comprises many names of especial interest. Next to the King comes Stigand Archbishop of Canterbury, who, according to William of Malmesbury, invaded the primacy when Bishop of Winchester; but who is said, in some MSS. of the Saxon Chronicle, to have been appointed to it by King Eadward. The ambition and capacity for which he was notorious are ascribed by Malmesbury to his being, in common with most of the English bishops of his time, an illiterate man. Besides the archbishopric and bishopric he held many abbeys. Pope Stephen the Ninth refused him his pall, which he afterwards obtained by bribery from the Antipope Benedict the Tenth; but he being dethroned by Nicholas the Second, Stigand remained unrecognised. After the battle of Hastings Duke William received him as archbishop, but refused to be crowned by him, and on his temporary return to Normandy took him with him, so suspicious was he of his treachery if left behind. Stigand managed to retain both sees till 1070, when he was degraded by the Council of Winchester under the presidency of the Papal Legate Ermenfred, Bishop of Sion, and sentenced to perpetual imprisonment in that city. There, according to Malmesbury, he lived in apparent destitution; answering the widowed Queen Eadgyth's request that he would feed and clothe himself better by the assertion that he was penniless. But at his death a little key was found tied round his neck, which, on being applied to a cabinet, revealed evidence of immense treasures hidden in his several estates. No record of the date of Archbishop Stigand's death has been preserved, if we except mention of it which occurs in a copy of a deed of sale of certain lands by a Somersetshire thane to Bishop Giso of Bath, preserved among the MSS. belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Wells, where it is stated to have happened in the same year as that of Leofric Bishop of Exeter, namely, 1072. After his name come those of Kinsy Archbishop of York; the Bishops of Exeter, Wells, Sherborne; the Abbots of Ramsey and Glastonbury; the five brothers Harold, Leofwine, and Gerth who fell at Hastings, Tostig who was slain at Stamford Bridge, and Ælfgar, who, after a long imprisonment in Normandy as hostage for his father Earl Godwine, became a monk at Rheims; Byrhtric noble; and eight thanes. The Byrhtric who figures so often in the Exeter Charters is not improbably the Brictric of Doomsday Book, who is there recorded as having held, besides his large property all over Devonshire and Cornwall, in addition to the honour at Gloucester, which he had inherited from his grandfather Aylward Snow, great estates in seventeen other counties before the Conquest, the hero of the romantic love story with Count Baldwin's daughter, whose revenge is told in the line which occurs in the survey of those counties in which he had been a land holder. "Has terras tenuit Brictric et post Matildis Regina." The grantee of the charter, Bishop Aldred, was also a man of the highest note. He had been Abbot of Tavistock, and was advanced to the see of Worcester in 1046. In 1054 he was sent ambassador to the Emperor Henry the Third at Cologne, and two years afterwards, together with Earls Leofric and Harold, negociated a peace with Griffith of Wales. During the voidance of Hereford by the death of Leofgar, in 1056, Aldred administered to the see. On the death of Archbishop Kinsey, in the year following the date of this Charter, he was translated to York, King Eadward permitting him to retain Worcester as well, and he accordingly set out for Rome—in company of Giso of Lorraine, the bishop elect of Wells, Queen Eadgyth's chaplain, Walter the bishop elect of Hereford, Earl Tostig and his wife Judith of Bruges—to ask for his pall. Pope Nicholas, however, though he received the travellers graciously, accused Aldred of contempt for learning and simony, and not only refused him his pall, but deprived him of his bishopric. On their return they were all seized and stripped by robbers in crossing the Alps, and flying back to Rome for succour, another opportunity was offered, and Aldred—partly through the threat by Earl Tostig of the withdrawal of Peter's pence by King Eadward—succeeded in obtaining his pall on condition of his resigning Worcester. He founded the monastery of St. Oswald at York, and rebuilt the Abbey of St. Peter at Gloucester—on the completion of which, in 1058, he went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem through Hungary, with an equipage of unprecedented splendour. On the 6th of January 1066 Archbishop Aldred crowned Harold; on the 25th of December, King William; and on the 10th of May in the following year, Queen Matilda. He died on the 11th of September 1069, and was buried at York. His name appears in Doomsday Book as a land holder in several counties at the time of the Confessor. The sanction to this charter is peculiar as to both phraseology and position. Not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

On the dorse is the copy of a grant by King Eadward the Second, in 977, of the same property to Earl Æthelweard, probably the noble chronicler of that name. The witnesses are the King, Archbishop Dunstan, the Bishops of Winchester, Ramsbury, and Cornwall, four earls, and five thanes. The boundaries are identical with those in the preceding Charter, and appear to comprise the property granted in No. VII. There is the same peculiarity about the position of the sanction. A remarkable addition to the "trinoda necessitas" appears in this Charter, in the "vigilia marina" or "Sea Watches" included in the common and inevitable service. Charters of this reign are very rare. Not in the Codex or Diplomatarium.

No. XV. A MS. in Anglo-Saxon setting out the boundaries of a property on Dartmoor, and beginning "Dis is pendingtunes landscaro," the "landshare of the enclosure of the son of Peada." It is endorsed and numbered, apparently, in the same handwriting as the other Exeter MSS., but it does not appear in Wanley's list. This document has furnished matter for an interesting discussion by Mr. J. B. Davidson, by whom it has been printed, translated, and

explained. The word "landshare" is still in use in Devonshire to denote the headland of a field, the boundary strip that has not been turned up by the ploughshare.

No. XVI. A charter whereby King William, under the style and title of "Victoriosus Anglorum Basileus," grants in 1069 that Bishop Leofric may endow the Church of St. Peter at Exeter with lands in Oxfordshire and Devonshire.

A page of history of more than common interest is displayed in the mingled array of Saxon and Norman warriors and statesmen that make up the roll of subscribing witnesses to this remarkable charter. Instead of the royal names that have hitherto headed such lists—Ine and Æthelburh, Offa and Cynethryth, Beorhtwulf and Sæthryth, Eadgar and Æliflhryth, Cnut and Ælfgifu, Eadward and Eadgyth—there now appear those of William and Matilda; and Odo of Bayeux, Geoffery of Coutances, Giso of Lorraine, the Chancellor Arfast, Robert de Comines, William fitz Osbern, Brient fitz Eudo, and Ralph Guader sign side by side with Stigand of Canterbury, Leofric of Exeter, Herman of Salisbury, Abbot Baldwine, Ingelric the Priest of St. Paul's, and Earls Edwine and Morkere sons of Leofric and Godgifu, the Brothers of Hereward of Brune, and the "Fair Edith" of Doomsday Book, Harold's widow. Besides these, others of less note appear among the signatories: the three Sheriffs William, Robert, and Roger; and five Thanes, only one of whom—Leofnoth—bears a Saxon name.

This charter is printed by Hickes in his Dissertatio Epistolaris, p. 77, to show how closely King William, although a great innovator "in re diplomatica," sometimes, at any rate, adhered to the Saxon form; and as a rare specimen, "factionis veræ et indubitatæ," of the kind. It is for this reason that I have included it in this volume, although strictly speaking it belongs to a period just outside its proper limits. Besides its other claims to be of as high interest as any in the series, it possesses that of admirable penmanship and preservation. It has no less than seven endorsements, the original in Anglo-Saxon, one nearly contemporaneous in Latin, a third in very early English, three in Latin of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and the seventh Dr. Lyttleton's usual quotation from Wanley's list of Exeter MSS. Latin and Saxon.

WELLS.

The single Anglo-Saxon Charter now remaining in the Chapter House of Wells is one by Eadgar, "King of the Mercians, Northumbrians, and Britons," in 958, of land at Staunton-upon-Arrow, in Herefordshire, to his thane Ealhstane. Among the witnesses are the Bishops of Lichfield, Dorchester who was translated to York in the same year, and Worcester who was translated to Canterbury in the following year, Hereford, Elmham, and Lindsey. It will be observed that this charter was given during the reign of King Eadwig, although dated by Eadgar in the second year of his reign over the Northern provinces, which had elected him King on their revolt in 957-8. This estate appears to have been situated between the "Watling Street" and "Offa's Dyke," both of which seem to be referred to in the recital of boundaries, wherein, as usual, much interesting topographical matter is to be found. A reference to the Ordnance Map will show that "Sned Wood," "The Black Thorn," and the "Long Yards" still remain, but of the three "Gates" along the "street" I can find no traces. At the conclusion of the boundaries is a note that King Eadgar also gives Hay, in Hereford, to Ealhstane in perpetuity. I can find no notice of the existence of this Charter anywhere. It is not in the Codex or Diplomatarium, or Wanley's lists, and Hickes makes no allusion to it. It is singular as to the style adopted by Eadgar in his subscription and the character of its handwriting, and is the earliest original charter granted by that Prince as yet known.

Of the nine charters quoted by Wanley, as then belonging to Wells, none remain, at any rate, there, and this, at present the only Anglo-Saxon Charter which the Cathedral possesses, has nothing to do with either the county of Somerset or the diocese of Wells. It concerns no known property belonging to that Church, nor is it known how or when it came into its Chapter House. Latin and Saxon.

WINCHESTER.

No. I. A grant of land at Wenbeorg by Æthelwulf in 854 to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at Winchester in pursuance of his grant of a tenth of lands throughout his Kingdom. Among the eighteen witnesses to this Charter are the King, Duke Æthelbald his eldest son, the Bishop of Sherborne who joined the conspiracy formed in Selwood Forest by Æthelbald to prevent the King's entrance into England on his return in 856 from Verberie sur Oise, where his marriage with Judith, daughter of Charles the Bald, had been solemnized by Hincmar, Archbishop of Rheims; Swithin, Bishop of Winchester; Eanwulf, Ealdorman of Somersetshire, co-conspirator of Æthelbald, and Bishop Æthelstan; Æthelbert the King's second son; the Abbots Werferth and Wullaf; the King's third son Æthelred; Osric, the Ealdorman of Dorsetshire, who, with Eanulf and Bishop Ealhstan, defeated the Danes at the mouth of the Parret in 845; and the King's fourth and famous son Ælfred, then only six years old, and signing last of all the nobles.

I think the Wenbeorg of this Charter is Wanborough, anciently Wodenesbeorh, in Wiltshire, situated near that extraordinary earthwork the Wansdike; Wanborough is famous in the early history of England as having been the scene of two bloody engagements; the first between Ceawlin of Wessex and the Britons in 592, and the second between Ine of Wessex and Ceolred of Mercia in 715. The memory of the slaughter which marked these battles, and is described as having been appalling on both sides, is perpetuated in the "cwealmstowe," "swyrd-wære," and

"hæthenan-byriels," of the boundaries, among which is also to be found evidence of the existence of some of the now extinct British wild animals in the "catt hola" the earths of the wild cat.

At the taking of the Doomsday Survey the Bishop of Winchester held Wimborough, and its extent at that time was nearly identical with that mentioned in this Charter, or if the one hide, said to have been held by the Bishop's under tenant Richer, be considered as in addition to the nineteen for which the manor was appraised for the payment of geld, quite so. The advowson of the living still belongs to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester.

This Charter is printed in the Codex MLIII., with an asterisk, from the Codex Wintoniensis, together with a Saxon version of the same and additional features of interest in the boundaries. It is not included in Wanley's lists. Latin and Saxon

No. II. A grant of land at Conictune by Eadwig in 957 to his Thane Wulfstan. The witnesses include the King's brother Eadgar, at that time only fourteen years old, and whose election by the revolted provinces of Mercia and Northumbria took place in the year of this charter's date; the Archbishop of Canterbury; Bishop Ælfsige of Winchester, who succeeded him in the primacy, but who was frozen to death among the Alps when on his way to Rome for his pall; Bishop Byrthelm of Wells, who was also elected to Canterbury, but was persuaded by the King to remain in his own see, not being thought a prelate of sufficient learning and importance for the archbishopric; the Bishops of Worcester, Dorchester, Ramsbury, and Elmham; six dukes or ealdormen, among whom appears to be Æthelwold son of the Half-King Æthelstan, Eadgar's early friend and his treacherous go-between with the fair Ælfthryth, and nine thanes.

The grantee was probably the Wulfstan "Minister" and "Miles," whose name appears among the witnesses to different charters granted about this time. A Wulfstan, the King's reeve, is also mentioned in a deed of bargain and sale, A.D. 955, quoted in the "Textus Roffensis." The whereabouts of the property granted was for some time a puzzle, the fact of the charter belonging to Winchester Cathedral naturally prompting the idea that it formed part of the cathedral estates; but a careful search through the map, guided by the "Earning Street" and other places mentioned in the boundaries recited in the charter, leads me to the conclusion that the property never belonged to or had anything to do with Winchester Cathedral; but that it is far away from the south of England, and is a place with such historic associations as to deserve a special notice. "Conictune" is, I think, Conington in Huntingdonshire, and anyone looking at the Ordnance Survey of that county will find little difficulty in roughly tracing the boundaries of the estate as recited in the charter. At the time of the taking of the Doomsday Survey Conington was held by the Conqueror's niece Judith, widow of Waltheof, Earl of Northampton, Huntingdon, and Northumberland, into whose hands it had come after the outlawry of Thurcyl the Dane, its previous owner, whom Cnut had made Ealdorman of East Anglia. From the Countess Judith, Conington passed to her eldest daughter Maud, who after the death of her first husband, Simon de St. Liz, married David, afterwards King of Scotland, in whose family the estate remained till it passed in dower through Isabel, youngest daughter of David, ninth Earl of Huntingdon, to Robert Bruce, from whose youngest son Bernard it descended to Sir Robert Cotton. The mansion house was pulled down by Sir John Cotton, Sir Robert's great great-grandson. But vestiges of Thurcyl's ancient castle still exist in the village. On the north wall of Conington Church was this inscription: Prince Henry of Scotland, Lord of Conington, Imperator Rex Franciæ, Anglo Saxonum, Angliæ, Scotiæ, with the arms which make the quarterings of Cotton. Sir John Heathcote, son of Gilbert Heathcote the Sir Andrew Freeport of the Spectator Lord Mayor of London, and one of the founders of the Bank of England, purchased the manor from the heirs of Sir R. Cotton in 1753, and in that family it still remains.

Dr. Stukely describes a visit that he made to Conington in 1724 "I was concerned to see a stately old house of hewn stone, large and handsome, in dismal ruins. The deserted lares and the genius of the place had fled. A poor cottage or two seems to be the whole town, once in the possessions of the Kings of Scotland." In the record of Conington in Doomsday Book reference is made to a custom which still obtains in our colleges and corporate societies, the passing of the Grace Cup or "Poculum Charitatis." Thurcyl is said to have held six hides there of the Abbot of St Mary Thorney, for which he rendered "Karitatem," a certain allowance of wine or other generous liquor to be drunk to the memory of former benefactors, but the men of the hundred do not know how much it was. It is not known how King Eadwig's grant of this ancient Huntingdonshire manor comes to be preserved at Winchester. It might not unreasonably be supposed that it had once belonged to Sir Robert Cotton, but no mention of it is to be found in Wanley's list of the Cottonian MSS. That it had become lost or mislaid at one time is evident from a short endorsement in a hand of that period, "Inventa 1645," a time of peculiar interest in Hampshire annals as the year of the fall of Basing House. There is, however, a tragic connection between Conington and Winchester which may account for the presence of the charter in that city Some ten years before the date of Doomsday Book, Earl Waltheof, the then Lord of Conington, was one of the guests at the "Bride-Ale" of Ralph Guader and Emma Fitz Osbærne, and, becoming implicated in the plot against King William that was formed on that occasion, was compelled to fly over sea. In the next year, deceived by the attitude of apparent carelessness assumed by the King, he returned and surrendered himself into the royal hands, and being betrayed by his wife, the Countess Judith, who revealed the whole of his share in the conspiracy, was sent a close prisoner to the King's prison in Winchester Castle. Ordericus Vitalis gives the details of his captivity, mixed with the usual monkish supplement of miracle. He remained in prison a year, when on the morning of the Mass day of St. Petronilla, May 31, 1076, shortly after dawn, and while the city was still wrapt in sleep, he was taken outside the walls to the top of St. Giles' Hill and there beheaded.

Mr. Madge, the Winchester Librarian tells me that the words "Inventa 1645" are in the writing of John Chase, who from 1640 to 1646 made an examination of the documents belonging to the Chapter. One of his books the Chapter has lately found. It refers to comparatively unimportant subjects, but he alludes to a former book and complains that the soldiers had destroyed the fruits of his labours. This book, if it could be found, would doubtless contain information as to this charter.

The extent of the manor of Conington given in the charter and that specified in Doomsday Book are identical. Glatton, one of the places named in the boundaries, belonged at the time of the survey to Eustace, Earl of Boulogne, husband of Eadward the Confessor's sister Goda, the daughter of Æthelred and Emma Æltgifu. This charter of Eadwig's furnishes almost a solitary instance among the Anglo-Saxon Charters of the direct mention of the old road called the Earning Street. The other great roads, Watling Street, Icknield Street, and Fosse Way, are of frequent occurrence. In Gibson's edition of Camden in the description of Huntingdonshire is stated, "For a Norman Port way led directly from hence to Huntingdon, and a little above Stilton, formerly Stichilton, it appears with a high bank, and in an old Saxon Charter is called Erminstreat." The present Charter may be that which Camden alludes to, as I can find no other to which his account can refer. It is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium or recorded by Wanley. Latin and Saxon.

WORCESTER

A grant of land by Uhtred Sub-King of the Huiccii, in 779, to his Thane Æthelmund, the son of Ingeld, the Duke and Prefect of Æthelbald, King of the Mercians, with the consent of Offanus, King of the Mercians.

This Æthelmund was afterwards Ealdorman of Mercia and was slain at Kempsford in 800 in a fight with the Ealdorman Weohstan, who fell in the same battle, and his Wiltshire men. His father Ingeld was brother of King Ine and the Ladies Cuenburh and Cuthburh, the latter of whom was married to Ealfrith, King of Northumbria, and upon her separation from him became Abbess of Wimborne, which she and her sister had founded.

The name of the property granted by this charter is torn away, but it appears on the endorsement, Eastune and Stoces, apparently one and the same place. The latter should be Stoke Prior, whose position on the east side of the River Salwarpe exactly corresponds with the place assigned to it here. Nash quotes this grant from MS. Habingdon. In Doomsday Book the church of Worcester is said to hold Stoke with two berenicks, Estone and Redindone. This Estone is quoted as Aston Magna in the Codex but Aston Magna is a long way from the Salwarpe. Stoke Church was appropriated to the Monastery of Worcester in 1389, and in the ordination of the vicarage, which is still in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Worcester the vicar is said to receive the tithe of hay from the tenants of Astenende and Stokeende.

Of the one hundred and eleven charters enumerated by Wanley as having belonged "haud ita pridem" to Worcester Cathedral, this mutilated specimen alone remains. After quoting ninety-two of these charters, Wanley adds nineteen others which he says were there within two or three years, but which being also lost had been luckily published by Hickes, in whose Anglo-Saxon Grammar, p. 170, this charter is printed. At least a charter granting the same property to the same persons, but with some curious points of difference, the first being the date, which is three years earlier, and another the ultimate reversion of the property to the Church. It is printed word for word with Hickes' copy, blanks included, in the Codex CXVII. from a Harleian MS. In Wanley's list of Worcester MSS. another charter is recorded, No. 4, which may be that here represented plus the Saxon boundaries, which it will be seen do not exist, unless the very meagre mention of them may be considered sufficient. The present charter possesses an additional interest in the subscriptions, besides that of Offa, of his Queen Cynethryth, and their two children, Ecgferth afterwards King of Mercia, and Ælfflæd afterwards the Queen of Æthelred of Northumberland, who respectively sign themselves "filius" and "filia mulierum." The other witnesses are Uhtred's brother Eadred, Milred Bishop of Worcester, and two others. Not in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin and Saxon.

THE MARQUIS OF BATH

No. 1. A grant of land at Pennard by Baldred, in 681, to Hamgisl Abbot of Glastonbury for the use of the abbey. Witnessed by Baldred, Bishop Hedde of Winchester, and Aldhelm Abbot of Malmesbury.

Though only a "Sub-King," Baldred's great influence and importance is manifested by the references made to him by Ine and by Cuthred, who calls him his predecessor, and places him between Centwine and Ceadwealla. Abbot Aldhelm, writing to the King's clerk Winberht, about A.D. 701, on the subject of the lands and fishing given by Baldred to the Abbey of Malmesbury, styles him "Venerandus patritius Baldredus." By the Welsh this Prince of Cornwall and Devon was named Baldrick. St. Patrick was traditionally the founder of Glastonbury Abbey.

Only one other charter of Baldred appears to be known, and that is printed in the Codex, with an asterisk, from MS. Lansd. 417, f. 3, and Ang. Sac. II., p. 11.

This charter is printed with an asterisk in the Codex XX from MS. Bodl. Wood. I., f. 183, and in the New Monasticon. It is confirmed by the charter granted by Ine in 725, printed with an asterisk in the Codex from the

same Bodleian MS and three others, and in the Diplomatarium, where it is stigmatised as "a glaring monkish forgery," from a fourth, Cott. Feb. A. 13 fol. 193 G, so that considerable pains have been taken to disseminate the forgery. It is also confirmed by Æthelwulf in his charter of 854 of a tenth of his lands to the Church, printed in the Codex with an asterisk from the same Bodleian MS, and the New Monasticon, and in the Diplomatarium from the Bodleian MS. and MS. Lansd. 147, fol. 7, 6, without an asterisk. Latin and Saxon.

No. II. A grant of land in Pengrard Mynster by Eadred in 955 to Ælfgyth, the Holy Nun, at Wilton. The King does not subscribe.

The eighteen subscribing witnesses comprise the two archbishops, the Bishops of Winchester, Sherborne, Crediton, Ramsbury, London and Worcester, Lichfield, Wells and Lindsey; four dukes and three thanes. None of them have the prefix of the cross. King Eadred died in the year of the granting of this charter at Frome, and was buried at Winchester.

Among the MSS. recorded by Wanley, as then in Dean Hickes' possession, is a grant of land in Rolldown by Eadmund in 944, apparently to the same holy woman; and among those belonging to Sir Simonds d'Ewes, a sale of land in Purbeck by Eadred in 948, also apparently to the same Ælfgyth, for which she was to pay "sexaginta mancusas purissimi olei." This application of "mancusa" would seem conclusive as to its signifying a measure of weight, as well as its more general reception as a coin, unless, indeed, it may be taken to mean "mancusatas." This Ælfgyth was a benefactress of the Abbey of Glastonbury, to which she gave the land at Pennard Minster specified in the above charter. Both of these documents are printed in the Codex CCCCI and CCCCXVIII from Harleian MSS.

This charter is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, nor is any mention of it to be found in Wanley's list. Latin and Saxon.

THE EARL OF ILCHESTER

No. I. A grant of land at Cosedburn by Eadgar, in 965, to his faithful man Wulfheard. The witnesses are the King, Archbishop Dunstan, the Bishops of Winchester, Sherborne, Wells, and Ramsbury, five aldormen, among whom is Ordgar of Devonshire, the Queen's father, and ten thanes.

The small estate granted seems to have been a portion of Cheselborne in the parish of Piddletown, county of Dorset. The "army-path" mentioned in the boundaries was either the Icknield Street itself or one of its numerous branches. Printed in the Codex, minus the boundaries, DXXI. Not in Diplomatarium or Wanley's list.

No. II. A grant of land at Portisham by Cnut, in 1024, to his thane Orcy. The list of witnesses includes the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of Winchester, Ramsbury, Selsey, and Sherborn; the Earls Godwine, Eglaf, son of Rognvald the Jarl of West Gothland, and King Olaf Tryggvason's daughter Ingeborg, and the "doughty jarl" Hacun son of Eric jarl of Norway and Cnut's sister Gytha, the Abbots Byrhtmar, Æthelweard, Æthelwold, Ælfwi, and Lyfing, three priests, and twenty thanes.

This Orc was Cnut's steward or "housecarl," and he and his wife Tole being childless presented the lands given them by Cnut to the Church of St. Peter of Abbotsbury, a very ancient church, but at that time ruined by the Sea Rovers and deserted, and in 1044 founded a monastery there of Benedictine Monks from Cerne Abbey, where he and his wife were buried.

This charter is defective, a portion having perished but the missing portion is supplied from the enrolment of its confirmation by King Edward the Second. It is printed in the Codex DCCXLI, and in Hutchins' History of Dorsetshire. Latin and Saxon.

No. III. A grant of land at Wooton Abbas by Eadward the Confessor, in 1044, to his faithful thane Orc. The witnesses to this fine charter comprise the two archbishops, the Bishops of Winchester, Ramsbury, Cornwall, Sherborne, Wells, and Worcester, the Abbots Ælfstan, Ælfwyne, Æthelweard, Ælfric, Ælfwig, and Æthelwi; the Earls Godwine, Leofric of Mercia, and Siward of Northumberland, and seven thanes. This charter is printed in the Codex, minus the boundaries, DCCLXXII. Latin and Saxon.

No. IV. Orc's Guild at Abbotsbury. By this document Orc gives the Guild Hall and the stead at Abbotsbury to God and St. Peter in memory of himself and wife, and in it he sets out the rules to be observed by the fraternity. One of the earliest and most interesting records of these associations known in England. It is printed in the Codex DCCCCXLII, and in the Diplomatarium, p. 605, and in Hutchins' History of Dorsetshire. Saxon.

No. V. A fragment of a charter by Tole, Orc's widow, to Abbotsbury. These two last are undated, but Eadward the Confessor granted a licence to Tole to bequeath her property at Abbotsbury in 1045. She is said to have been a Norman woman and a native of Rouen.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE.

No. I. A grant of land at Micheldever by Eadward the Elder, in 900, to the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, called the New, in Winchester. Witnessed by the King, his son by his second marriage with Ælfflæd daughter of the Ealdorman Æthelm, Æthelweard, Archbishop Plegmund, the Bishops of Winchester, Worcester, London, Sherborne, Selsey, Rochester, Hereford and Lichfield, Abbot Beornhelm, two deacons, one priest, twelve thanes, and twelve other subscribers who have no designation attached to their names.

This fine charter is dated in "the fortified place which is called Hampton," and furnishes a large extent of boundaries, comprising those of Micheldever, Cranbourne, Curdridge, Durley, Thorley, and Candover, which contains as usual much matter of interest to local topography. Printed in the Codex CCCXXXII. with an asterisk, and without the boundaries, from MS. Cott. Dom. A. XIV., f. 72 b., and in Edwards' Liber de Hyda, pp. 85-97. Latin and Saxon.

No. II. A lease of land at Chiseldene by the Brethren of the Monastery of St. Saviour in Winchester (924-41) to their Thane Alfred. For the twenty hides thus leased Alfred was to pay down eighty mancuses of pure gold, and on each anniversary of King Eadwards' death was to bring eighty shillings to the Monastery. The fines for non-performance of the contract to be for the first omission sixty pence, for the second thirty shillings, for the third alienation from the property. The witnesses to this cheirograph are the King, the Ætheling Eadwine, one priest, two deacons, twenty-four thanes, and fifty-four with no designation. Chiseldene was bequeathed to Winchester by King Alfred. Printed in Edwards' Liber de Hyda, pp. 147-150. Latin.

No. III. A grant of land at Pewsey by Eadmund the First, in 940, to the Monastery of St. Peter in Winchester. This second fine charter belonging to Winchester College is witnessed by the King, the Queen-Mother Eadgifu, the King's brother Eadred, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London, Winchester, Worcester, Ramsbury, Hereford, Wells, Rochester, and Crediton, the Ealdormen Ælfhere, Wulfgar, Æthelwold, Æthelstan, Ealhhelm, Æthelmund, and Uhtred, and fifteen thanes. Pewsey was bequeathed by King Alfred to his eldest son and successor Eadward the Elder, the grandfather of Eadmund the present grantor. Printed in the Codex CCCLXXX. with an asterisk, and without the boundaries, from MS. Cott. Dom. XIV., f. 156, and in Edwards' Liber de Hyda, pp. 138-144. Latin and Saxon.

No. IV. A grant of land at Drayton by Cnut, in 1019, to the New Monastery in Winchester. Witnessed by the King, the two Archbishops, the Queen Ælfgyfu, the Bishops of Winchester, Ramsbury, Selsey, Crediton, and Rochester, the Earls Thurkil, Yric, Godwine, Elaf, Leofwine, and Regnold, the Abbots Æthelsige, Byrhtwig, Byrhtmær, Æluere, and Byrhtwold, and twelve thanes. Printed in Edwards' Liber de Hyda, pp. 324-6. Latin and Saxon.

HER MAJESTY'S RECORD OFFICE.

A grant by Eadgar in 974 of three mansas in Nymed to his thane Ælfhere.

This charter is witnessed by King Eadgar and Queen Ælfthryth, the two Archbishops Dunstan and Oswald, the Bishops of Winchester, London, Sherborne, Wilton, Wells, Rochester, Selsey, Devonshire, Hereford, Elmham, Cornwall, and a twelfth prelate whose name has not been filled in; twelve abbots who I can only suggest may have been Æfric, Abbot of Malmesbury, who succeeded Bishop Sideman at Crediton in 977; Æscwig, the successor of Ælfnoth in the see of Dorchester in 979; Æthelgar, Abbot of the New Minster at Winchester, afterwards Bishop of Selsey in 980, and Archbishop of Canterbury in 988; Abbot Osgar, whose name occurs with those of Æscwig and Æthelgar among the attesting witnesses to the charter to Medeshamstead in 972; Ælfnoth Abbot of Ramsey, who was made Bishop of Dorchester about 1005, and fell in the battle of Ashingdon in 1016; Segar Abbot of Gladstonbury, the successor of Bishop Cyneward at Wells in 975; Ælfheh Abbot of Bath successively Bishop of Winchester in 984 and Archbishop of Canterbury from 1005 till his murder by the followers of Thurcytil the Tall in 1012; Ælfstan Bishop of Rochester in 984; Æthelsige perhaps Bishop Ælfwold's successor at Sherborne about 979; and Leofric and Osweard, whom I cannot trace.

After the abbots came four dukes, Ælfhere the Ealdorman of Mercia, the enemy of the monks, and, according to Malmesbury, the murderer of King Eadward, who expiated his crimes by being—"eaten of the vermin which we call lice;" Æthelwine Ealdorman of the East Angles, Ælfhere's opponent in his schemes against the monks, and the founder of Ramsey Abbey, called by King Eadgar "a man most beloved by me, and bound to me by the ties of near kindred." In the history of Ramsey, written by an anonymous author about the middle of the twelfth century, he is said to have been styled "healf-cyning," from his being of the blood royal, and on account of the great influence which he possessed with King Eadgar. Byrhtnoth the brave and pious Ealdorman of the East Saxons, who was slain at Maldon in battle with the Danes in 991; and Oslac Ealdorman of Northumbria, the "Great Earl" of the Saxon Chronicle, who was expelled from England after King Eadgar's death in 975.

The remaining witnesses are ten thanes, whose names figure conspicuously in the Saxon Chronicle. The cross is prefixed to the names of all the witnesses except the Queen.

Copelanstan, the "Stone of Copela," now Copleston Cross, still exists as the most remarkable ancient cross in the county of Devon. The high road—"army path"—mentioned was probably the Roman road that ran from Exeter to Stratton in Cornwall passing through Oakhampton and Holsworthy, and having on its line the great camp of Bradbury Castle.

Three Nymets occur in Doomsday Book. The first was in the King's demesne as parcel of his manor of Molland, to which it had been unjustly appended. Before the Conquest it had belonged to Harold. The two others formed severally parts of the estate of Walter de Chavill and Goscelin of Exeter. These are now severally called Broad Nymet, Nymet Rowland, and Nymet Tracy *alias* Bow.

This charter affords a good example of the wanderings of some of these fugitive pages from the early history of England. No mention of it is to be found in any of the lists of Anglo-Saxon MSS., and all my efforts to trace it further than the latter part of the last century have been futile. In 1777 it belonged to Mr. Baskerfield, whose

father was in partnership with the grandfather of Glyn the banker in the house at the corner of Hatton Garden and Holborn. He was a man very much given to antiquarian pursuits, and was one of the original members of the "Society of Antiquaries." Mr. Baskerfield died in 1818, and in 1845 the charter came after the death of his widow to her nephew Mr. Garling, of Southborough Hall, in Kent, who, in 1870, very shortly before his death, presented it to Her Majesty's Record Office, where it will find at last a haven of rest after its undiscovered ramblings for nearly 1000 years. This charter is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium, or quoted in Wanley's lists. Latin and Saxon.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

A charter by Burhgred King of the Mercians confirming and amplifying the grants of privileges conferred by himself and his predecessors upon the Monastery of St Peter's in Gloucester, protecting the Brethren from any hindrance to their devotions by the imposition of earthly service by secular ministers. Given at the Council held at Wellesbourne in 862, and witnessed by the King; the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Queen Æthelswyth, daughter of King Æthelwulf and Osburh the daughter of his cupbearer Oslac, and sister of King Alfred; the Bishops of Mercia and Leicester; the Earls Eamberht, Æthered, King Alfred's future father-in-law, and Beorn; Abbots Aldred and Pleegberht, and five others whose titles are not specified.

St Peter's, Gloucester was founded by Wulfhere, King of Mercia, in 680. King Burhgred, after a reign of twenty-two years, was driven out by the Danes in 874, and taking refuge in Rome, died there in the same year, and was buried in the cemetery attached to the Church of St. Peter's in the Saxon School, said by Matthew of Westminster to have been founded by King Ine of Wessex, who after his abdication also ended his days in Rome. This charter is not printed in the Codex or Diplomatarium. Latin.

TAUNTON MUSEUM.

A grant by Ini in 705 of land in Pohelt to Berwald, Abbot of Glastonbury. The subscribing witnesses are the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of London, Lichfield, Worcester, Winchester, Dunwich, Lindsey, Hereford, and Sherborn.

To agree with the Indiction the dominical year should be 706.

A charter is printed with an asterisk in the Codex under the year 702, No. XLIX., containing that portion of this grant which refers to the 20 hides at Doulting, from the Bodleian MS. Wood. 1, fol. 171, 1786. Latin and Saxon.

THE SALT LIBRARY.

A grant by Æthelstan in 938 of land at Topsham to the Monastery of St. Mary of Exeter. The attesting witnesses include the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of London, Winchester, and Crediton, and two others, Brihthelm and Eadelm, whose sees I can only suggest to have been Elmham and Selsey. Mention is made in it of the "team pols," the breeding pools or stews for fish in the River Exe.

This charter is one of the six of the same date that perpetuate the curious anachronism that caused Hickes to denounce them as "exemplo egregia dolis et imposturæ," and Kemble to defend them against so sweeping a condemnation. At one time it belonged to Sir Peter Thompson. It is printed in the Codex, with an asterisk from a copy in the Lansdown Library, CCCLXX Latin and Saxon.

The nature and composition of the Anglo-Saxon Charters, and their great value as furnishing the most perfect subsidiary evidence that can be obtained towards the formation of an accurate conception of Anglo-Saxon law, irrespective of the information which they furnish of Anglo-Saxon customs and the physical aspect of England in Anglo-Saxon times, have been fully discussed in the preface to the Codex Diplomaticus. The Charters consist, so to speak, of six distinct clauses, the Invocation, Proem, Grant, Sanction, Date, and Subscription, all of which are there set out and commented upon. The second of these clauses, however, the Proem or Religious Preamble, with which the actual grant of most genuine Anglo-Saxon Charters is solemnly ushered in, possesses such curious features and affords such a peculiar insight into the connexion of the theological with the legal significance of these documents, as to entitle it to a fuller consideration than it has hitherto met with, whereby the appearance of pedantry and absurdity, which later examples certainly present, may be modified, and perhaps explained away. The institution of the proem, which embodies the spirit of the nonent clause in Norman Charters, came in probably on the following considerations.

In days when all property was insecure, whoever would make a settlement to last beyond his death would naturally commit the same mentally to the Disposer of all things and would express his mind on the face of the deed. More especially if the grant were made to a religious body. For whereas a secular donatory would have heirs to defend his right of seisin or failing heirs of the donatory the tenement would revert to the lord, that is to the heirs

of the donors, churchmen, on the contrary, being without heirs were liable to have the donation wrested from them. The donor would therefore endeavour to represent the Supreme Being as Lord of the tenement, that His name might be used to vindicate the land for the purposes expressed in the Charter.

Generally it was thought expedient that in every donation some cause should be expressed wherefore the donation should be made. Bracton says, "Oportet quod vestita sit traditio et non nuda, scilicet quod traditionem praecedat vera causa vel putativa quâ transeat dominium." In family charters a sufficient consideration would be found in family affection and the ties of kindred. But in public charters, according to the sentiments of those days, the sufficient consideration was found in the wish to honour Him by whom all kingdoms stand.

Moreover, donations in frankalmoign required this consideration to be alleged as an excuse for disburdening so much land from those "servitia terrena" which then fell with increased severity on the remaining portion of the fee. And in days when paganism was powerful and pagan invasions were imminent, these preambles were an appeal to the sympathies of all Christians to help and maintain the pious purpose of the donor.

As regards the form of the proems and the solemnity of expression commonly used in them, we may consider that the grantors of these charters did resign for ever all claim to the lands granted. In this respect these charters differed from private charters, wherein in case of the donatories' default the grant might be resumed by the donor or his heirs. But when lands or goods had been given to God any intention to resume those grants would have been deemed scandalous by common consent of Christendom. The donor, therefore, did in such preambles appeal solemnly to that same common sense of Christendom to defend his grant from invasion by them for whom it was not designed.

Moreover, these forms, being customary, tended, as often as they were written, read, or recited, to keep alive that spirit in the age, which spirit of the age was the only security for the continuance and observance of the said charter, for generally charters do not survive the spirit of the age which granted them.

In respect of churches, and grants made to them, a church was reckoned in law to be in the state of a minor; the incumbent was the guardian of this minor; the patron, the "advocatus," the adviser, defender, and pleader in behalf of this minor. But the only owner apparent in the whole transaction was God Himself.

Such lands and property belonged, by common right of use, to all Christian worshippers; and jurists have compared their legal position to the legal status of the walls of a city which were called "res sacrae," because they belonged to the whole community of citizens.

These religious preambles generally start with praise of charity exemplified in the form of gifts to the Church; the hollowness of earthly aspiration; and the propriety of purchasing eternal happiness by the sacrifice of temporal possessions. And they generally impress the necessity of protecting all grants by written deeds, in order to secure them from oblivion, plunder, or fraud. Some are merely the enunciation of scripture texts or allusions to canons of the church. Others are apparently taken from ancient homilies. They often appear in obscure and involved language, devoid alike of sense and grammar, the consequence very likely of having been written by scribes ignorant of Latin, and often, I cannot help thinking, from dictation. Some characteristic specimens of these proems occur in the present volume, for instance, Nos. X. and XI. of the Exeter Collection, which afford fair illustrations of the peculiarities attaching to them.

The first of these, Cunt's charter of privileges to S. German's, Cornwall, boasts of a long and exceedingly interesting preamble containing many difficulties of a theological kind, of which we may perhaps trust Hugo of St. Victor —"De creatione et statu Angelicae Naturae"—as the most learned expount.

The "quadriformis phasmatum materia" is no doubt precisely his "illa corporalis materia quatuor elementorum," out of which the microcosm Adam was created. The "decimus ordo" is the order of fallen angels in rank below Lucifer. The body of lapsed angels consisted of representative spirits out of each of the nine orders, but when lapsed they made but one order "quia in militiâ similes (licet improprie) in eis dicatur ordo." On the subject of this tenth order, Ritschl, in his "Critical history of the Christian doctrine of justification and reconciliation," has this note—"Anselm (Cur. Deus homo, ii. 16, 18.) asserts that mankind was created in room of the angels that had fallen, and that when man also fell into sin, not merely was a number corresponding to the fallen angels elected and redeemed through the satisfaction of Christ, but also a few men. This supposition is essentially taken from Augustine (De Civ. Dei, XXII. 1. Enchiridion, cap. 29), only the last clause does not belong to him."

The envy of the "pestifer chelidrus"—"invidus Zabulus—tortuosus Beelzebub Princeps muscarum" was excited because he knew that man—"the protoplast"—is destined to fill up—"implere"—the void in Heaven which the lapse of the tenth order has left. "Et ille decimus ordo, ut sacra Scriptura dicit, de hominibus restauratur"—and again—"legimus quod decimus ordo de hominibus implere debeat."

The "omnes sanctae turmae" are the elect whom Christ has rescued; the 100th or 10th sheep or coin which He has restored, the "decimus ordo" which He has perfected. See the "Catena aurea" of S. Thomas on S. Luke, cap. XV., for his Patristic reading of the parables of the "Lost sheep" and of the "Piece of money" in this sense.

No less interesting is the Proem to No. XI. To begin with—what is the precise rendering of "subpeditantes tamulemur"? I have translated it "should worship Him prostrating ourselves under His feet," but I doubt whether correctly so. Serving under His feet does not seem to convey the force of the active participle present "subpeditantes," and the whole sentence may mean "that we, completely subject to Him, should serve Him, treading under foot our enemies"; or "beating down Satan under our feet." The construction of the succeeding sentences is very obscure. The "formaverat" in the fourth sentence must be governed by the opening relative "Qui" of the second, otherwise the latter would have no verb at all. I can suggest no other rendering than that I have given. The word "larvarica"

is a very curious word. I have translated "larvarica cavillatione"—the "ironical scoffing of a goblin"—but I think after all that the root of "larvarica" may not be "larva," of which the proper adjective would be "larvalis." It is a distinctly mediæval word, and comes from "larvarium," which is the same as "charivarium"—whence the French "charivari"—and means, as well as its synonym "chalvarica," the distracting discord and noise of kettles and voices with which they used, in France, to gibe and mock at the parties to second marriages. There may, perhaps, be an ironical touch at Adam's treacherous bride in the use of the word here. So "versipellis" may apply to the Serpent and not to Eve, and the passage may run—But alas! seduced by the distracting mocking irony of the crafty Tempter and decoyed by the subterfuge of a persuasive virago, &c.," instead of the rendering I have adopted in the translation, though I think upon the whole the latter is more likely what was intended to be expressed. I think "larvarica" really meant for "ghostly," because in the first of the two charters we have "larvarica latibula," plainly meaning "the lurking places of ghosts," and it is impossible to reason from grammar laws about these barbarous words. In the Vulgate, Eve is termed "virago." "Dixit que Adam, Hoc nunc os ex ossibus meis et caro de carne mea; hæc vocabitur Virago quoniam de viro sumpta est."

The epithet applied to Adam "ambro" is another uncertain word, having something of the "ganeo" and "ardelio," but not being, I think, synonymous with either. According to Facciolati, the word comes from "Ambrones," a people of Gaul, who, having lost their territory by an incursion of the sea, took to supporting themselves by plundering their neighbours, and hence all men of bad life were called Ambrones. Strabo disposes of the history as so much pure myth; but the word remains to describe a spoiler, or a spendthrift, or a lustful waster; which latter rendering will perhaps suit Adam very well in this place. In the last sentence of this proem, I think the meaning of "redolens" is simply fragrant and reviving, and has special regard to our Lord's *Divinity*, and therefore bears no reference to the savour of the Sacrifice.

After all this fine writing, the next clause in the charter, the grant itself, reads like a fall from the sublime; to be sometimes nearly regained by the malignant nonsense of the concluding clause called the "Sanction"—the curse invoked upon the heads of gainsayers of his grant by the grantor. This is sometimes taken up and echoed by the grantor's witnesses, and we often find that the more eminent the ecclesiastical rank and the more remarkable the fame for piety enjoyed by the individual, the more ferocious and blasphemous his denunciations. An instance of this is supplied by No. V., Westminster, where S. Dunstan and his six subscribing prelates vie with each other in the rancour of their imprecations.

Occasionally we meet with proems expressed in what appears to be intended for rhyme. That of No. XIV. of the Exeter MSS. in this volume looks like a "sequence" in the mass, which was always some portion of Bible history made into a hymn for the benefit, probably, of such as could not read. And it seems to me by no means certain that a portion of this proem is not intended for a pun:

"Invidus omnium bonorum"
"Succinctus fraude malorum"

and that the "fraus malorum" may be a double meaning and refer to the deceit practised by the Serpent with regard to the forbidden fruit. A fondness for a rhyming play upon words was a characteristic of the middle ages; perhaps from the mere fact that the dead language which they used demanded so much attention to be paid to letters and syllables, none of which carried any vernacular associations to preoccupy the reader's mind; and the writers of those days were not above a joke, even in the gravest matters.

A similar instance is furnished by the opening clause No. II. of the Winchester Cathedral MSS.

The foregoing remarks may serve to show the general scope and construction of the preambles to genuine Anglo Saxon Charters, and the peculiar interest with which they are invested. Those that I have quoted are only two out of many.

In the Westminster Charter No. IV. a peculiar word occurs, "cleronomis," from the Greek κληρονόμος, an heir. It occurs in another charter of Eadgar's, printed by Madox in his "Formulare Anglicanum," and in a charter of Bishop Lyfing of Worcester, A.D. 1038, mentioned in Wanley's list of MSS. belonging to Lord Somers. In the succeeding No. V. mention is made of "Presbyter parrochianus," upon the occurrence of which Hickes hinges a portion of his reasoning against the originality of the charters. The words are said not to occur in English documents previous to A.D. 1127, but the thing signified existed long before that date, and the institution is as old at least as S. Athanasius. A passage in Sozomen's Ecclesiastical History says that in Alexandria each priest had his own parish church, and ministered to the congregation of that parish, instead of all the parishes attending the Bishop of Alexandria at his Cathedral Church. And this use gave Arius more freedom to preach his views without a check, and he wrote to Eusebius requesting him to lend him also a church for that purpose. St. Dunstan, a great reformer of Church government, must have been well acquainted of the existence of the thing, and, if he wrote from Canon Law, the name also might be recognised by him. That this title was known in Dunstan's time may be argued from the XIVth section of the Capitula of Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans in the time of Charlemagne, which traces the idea of "presbiter parochianus" from France the centre of ecclesiastical organisation north of the Alps into England before Dunstan's time. Theodulph was of European repute as bishop, and was a correspondent of Alcuin, and "there is reason to believe," says Johnson in his "Laws and Canons of the Church of England," "that his capitula became a common form to be used by bishops in the synod or chapters of their clergy, both in France and England, to say nothing of other nations."

The words are, "Nullus presbyter fidelibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ de alterius presbyteri parochiâ persuadeat ut ad suam ecclesiam concurrant, relictâ propriâ ecclesiâ, et suas decimas sibi det. Sed unus quisque suâ ecclesiâ et populo contentus quod sibi non vult fieri alteri nequaquam faciat."

This Theodulph's name appears in Charlemagne's will as one of the witnesses subscribing to it. His capitula were written in a Saxon translation by Ælfric A.D. 994.

In the fine charter belonging to Winchester College, No. III., we find the word "arato," meaning, I suppose, "arrhabo," the Greek ἀῤῥαβών, and this is one of the instances that makes me think that these charters must sometimes have been written from dictation, the scribe not having accurately caught the sound of this, probably to him, new word. It occurs both in the Old and New Testaments, and Terence in "Heautontimorumenos," and Plautus in "Truculentus," both use it. The word is Hebrew, and, I believe, Syriac, and the meaning is exactly expressed in Genesis, chap. xxxviii., 17, 18, 20, "Quod tibi vis pro arrhabone," &c., as a deposit left in pledge with the party to whom a promise has been made, and to be redeemed by the party who made the promise.

In the same charter is another word which the scribe has blundered over, "antrapon," written in the version of the "Liber de Hyda," "antrapaton." These, I conclude, are intended to represent the Greek ἄνθρωπον and ἀνθρώπινον, and furnish fresh evidence of dictation, the Greek word having been misunderstood by the scribe and very probably ill pronounced by the speaker.

The second of the Westminster Charters furnishes two words which are worthy of remark. The first is "terribilis," used in its late Latin signification of venerable; "the terrible place that is called Westminster." This word is still in frequent use in different parts of England, especially in the West, where everything and everybody pre-eminent for any particular quality is designated as "terrible", a terrible yield of wheat or school of fish; a "terrible man for the hill," meaning a "luer" or watcher on the cliffs for mackerel or pilchards of more than ordinary experience or keenness of eyesight. The other is "flavescunt" applied to the witnesses' names. Whether this means that the names were intended to have been illuminated, or whether it has only the moral signification of golden, is difficult to say. It occurs also in Dunstan's Charter. I have not met with it in any other of the charters that have come under my notice.

On the dorse of the same charter a barbarous word also occurs, which is not unfrequently found among the endorsements of the Anglo Saxon charters, "telligraphia," a compound either of the Saxon "tellan," to tell or relate, the Latin "tellus," or the Greek "τέλος" and "γράφειν," answering to the Saxon "land-boc," a charter or deed by which land is conveyed or held, and in which the boundaries of such land are recited and set out.

Besides furnishing curious and often picturesque evidence of the appearance of the face of England in those days, these boundaries thus recited are full of allusions to the ancient customs and worship of our British and Saxon forefathers. There we find mention of the Heathen burial place, the Danish barrow, and British cairn; the "cwealm-stowe," or place of execution, and the "mot-beorh," or hill of assembly; the old Christian church and still more ancient Pagan grove or temple; with such landmarks as the lightning-scathed tree, the glittering cross, the briery dell, the wayside crucifix, and the blind well. The downs, and denes, and fleets; the combes, slades, fords and tors of Southern and Western England all have a place; the old British and Roman streets and ways, dikes and entrenchments are there recorded, and the memory of great battles and solemn councils preserved. To trace these boundaries, and, where practicable, to identify them with existing landmarks, would require all the acumen of a zealous and determined local antiquary, by whom alone such a thing could be done; but the result would well repay the trouble, by the gain acquired of knowledge of the state of the country, its culture, crops, and productions; of an insight into the social life of its inhabitants; and, through the local terms and expressions which abound, an increase of our present knowledge of their general language and the variety of their provincial dialects.

It must be a matter of great regret to all who take an interest in early English history to learn that in the course of years in some cases, few in number the Anglo-Saxon Charters once possessed by various Cathedrals have disappeared. Worcester, at one time very rich in them, now possesses but one, and that imperfect and but recently restored to the Charter House. Eleven charters printed by Dr. Thorpe from the originals at Rochester are no longer to be found there. Others, which so recently as the period of the publication of the Codex are there referred to as being then in existence in different Cathedrals, are gone, and one instance has come to my knowledge of a remarkable charter having disappeared within a still shorter time. Of all the Cathedrals in England which doubtless at one time possessed Anglo-Saxon Charters—say eighteen—only the six represented in this series still retain them, and the aggregate number preserved is but sixty-three!

On the question of the absolute originality of all the Charters depicted in this series I will not speak. It is one of great difficulty, and the highest and most learned authorities, ancient and modern, differ from one another in opinion on this subject very considerably, in fact up to the point of direct contradiction, and that sometimes in cases which would not at first sight seem to admit of two opinions. But whether some be copies, some fabrications, some even forgeries, they all belong to the history of the Anglo-Saxon series of records, and a great public service has been rendered by their publication in facsimile by a process which ensures absolute accuracy. They are thus thrown open to the criticism which they so much require, and which they could not obtain by any other means; while at the same time they may be said to be secured against the destruction and loss which has befallen so many of their kind.

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ANGLO-SAXON MSS.

PART II.

WESTMINSTER.

I

ÆTHELRED A.D. 693.

IN nomine domini nostri ihesu christi saluatoris · eique secundum decreta canonum et statuta synodalia salubriter definiuntur · quamuis sermo solus ad testimonium sufficeret · attamen ob incertam futurorum condicionem · firmissima scripturarum syngrallat · et cautionum cyrographis sunt roborandæ · quia propter ego absque meritorum precedentium prerogatiua pontificali nomine functus aliquam terram ecclesie beat libenter impendere decreui His locorum locitibus designatum. Id est in Batrices ege · XXVIII manentes · et alibi in uillam que nocabulo fungitur Watsingaham · XX. Ex occidentali uero plaga flumnis eius nocabulum est Hidaburna · XX · cassatus. Quam uidelicet terram a uenerando rege Ceolwala acceptam et ab æthelredo regali culmine tracto · roborattam ; in cassatos sexaginta · VIII regularter reciperam sub testificatione plurimorum. quorum nomina infra tenentur asscripta. Si quis uero hanc donationis munificentiam augere et amplificare uoluerit augeat deus partem eius in libro uite. Si quis uero tirannica tractus potestate · irritam facere nsus fuerit · nouerit se in tremendo iuiorum et mortuorum examine coram christo singulorum facta equa discretionis lance librante Nouemque angelorum ordinibus zizaniorum fasciculos sequestrata bratorum caterua conligantibus rationem districte reddituram Scripta est autem hec cartula idibus iunii mensis · indictione · VI · anno ab incarnatione domini sexcentesimo nonagesimo iii Ego propria manu subscripsi +. Ego Wilfridus episcopus consensi. et subscripsi · + Ego hæddde episcopus consentiens subscripsi · + Signum manus æthelresh regis +

Signum manus Hagona abbatis +
Signum manus Hooe presbiter +
Signum manus Eadberht · +.
Ego Headda episcopus consentiens subscripsi +
Ego Tirtil episcopus crucem infeci · +.
Ego Eadgar electus crucem infeci +
Signum manus Weeca +.
Ego Tidbald abbas crucem infeci +

Hec sunt termina huius telluris þis syndon þa landgemæra to badrices ege 7 to pendles þurh · þæt is erest heahyfre. Of heahyfre into eeokanege Of eeockanege into grydideles elrene Of gryddeles elrene · into Sara smalan æc. Of þara smalan æc : into rysmere. Of rysmere into hæddde heorge. Of hæddde hyrge into uekebyrge. Of uecebyrge · into beornearddes býriels. Of býrnaerdes býrielse inne þane blaeen mor. Of þan blaean more : oð maddan hlida burnan. Of hlida burnan · in gibbe fedde. Of gibbe fedde · in þa blaea die Andlang blaea die : into beferiþa. Of beferiðe : andlang streete into fugel riþe. Andlang fugel riðe · into þaere tæmese oþ midne stream. Andlang streames · eft into heah efre

Signum manus Ceolwalla regis +
Signum manus Wynberhti abbatis +
Signum manus Cissi ministri +
Ego Brihtuoldus archiepiscopus crucem infeci +
Ego Brihtmærus episcopus consentiens subscripsi +
Ego Waldhere episcopus consentiens subscripsi +.
Ego Eadmund electus crucem infeci +
Ego Cotta abbas crucem infeci +

I.

ÆTHELRED. A.D. 693.

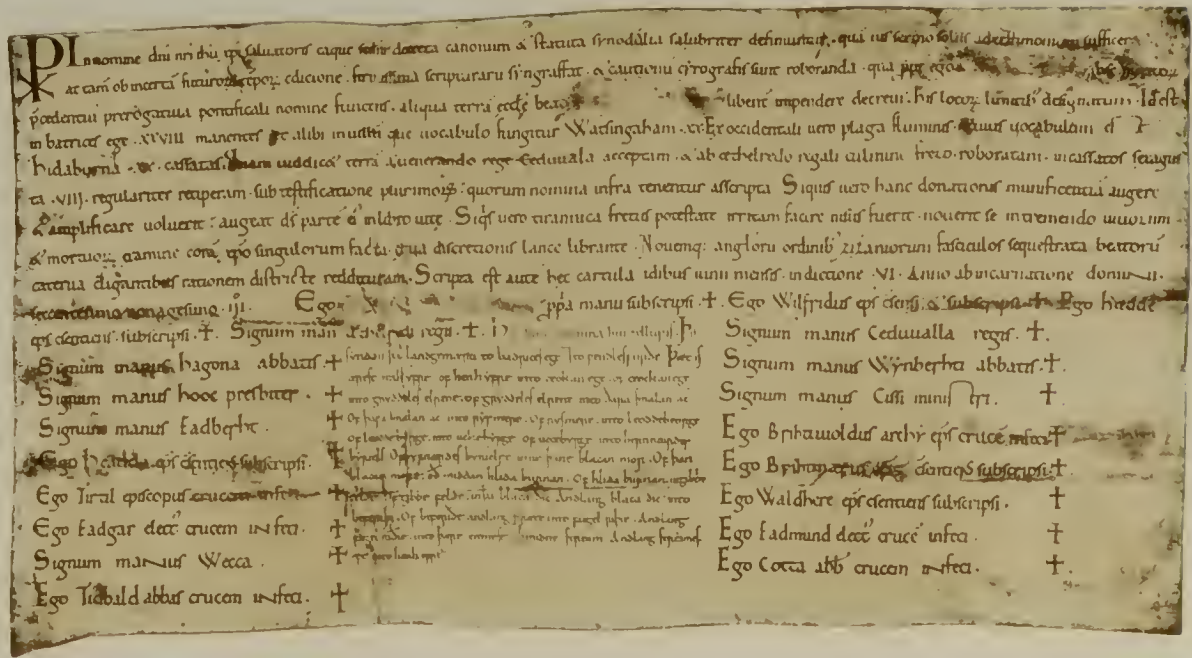
IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the Saviour For those things which are safely defined according to the decrees of canons and synodal statutes, speech alone should suffice for testimony yet by reason of the uncertain condition of times to come they should be strengthened by the firmest security of writings and chirographs of bonds Wherefore I without the prerogative of foregoing deeds, endowed with the pontifical name have determined freely to bestow certain land upon the church of the blessed Marked out by these boundaries of place that is in Batrices ege 18 hides and elsewhere in the vill which possesses the name of Watsingaham 20 Also on the west shore of the stream the name of which is Hidaburna, 20 cassates which land, forsooth received from the reverend King Ceolwala and confirmed by Æthelred supported on royal eminence, in extent sixty eight cassates I may by rule regain, under the testimony of many whose names are written below If any one however shall desire to increase and amplify this bountiful gift may God increase his portion in the book of life But if any one trusting to tyrannical power shall strive to make it void, let him know that in the tremendous trial of the quick and dead before Christ weighing the deeds of each with equal balance of discretion and the nine orders of angels binding together the bundles of tares—the company of the blessed being set apart he will have to render a strict account.

This charter moreover is written on the ides of the month of June the 6th indiction in the year from the incarnation of our Lord six hundred and ninety three. I have subscribed with my own hand + I Wilferd bishop have consented and subscribed I Hæsidda bishop have consented and subscribed + The sign of the hand of King Æthelred + The sign of the hand of King Ceolwalla +

The sign of the hand of Hagona abbot +
The sign of the hand of Hooe priest +.
The sign of the hand of Eadberht +.
I Headda bishop consenting have subscribed +
I Tirtil bishop have set the cross +.
I Eadgar elect have set the cross +
The sign of the hand of Weeca +
I Tidbald abbot have set the cross +.

These are the boundaries of this land. These are the landmarks at Badrices ege and at Wendles worth That is first Highyfre From Highyfre to Ceokanege From Ceockanege into Grydideles edge From Gryddeles edge to the small oak. From the small oak to Rysmere From Rysmere to Leeddeheorge From Leeddeheyrge to Uekebyrge From Ueekebyrge to Bernearddes barrow. From Byrnaerdes barrow into the black moor From the black moor as far as the middle of Hhd burn From Hhd burn to Gibbe field From Gibbe field into the black ditch Along the black ditch to Befer rill. From Befer rill along the road to Fowl rill Along Fowl rill to the Thames onto mid stream Along stream again to High efre

The sign of the hand of Wynberht abbot +
The sign of the hand of Cissi thane +.
I Brihtuoldd archbishop have set the cross +
I Brihtmer bishop consenting have subscribed +
I Waldherc bishop consenting have subscribed · +.
I Eadmund elect have set the cross +
I Cotta abbot have set the cross +.



Pl[illegible] nomine dni nri ihu xpi saluatoris eiusque sedis doctrina canonum a sancta synodalia salubriter definiuntur. quia nos sergio solus adscribimus [illegible] sufficere
ac eam ob incertam huius [illegible] episcopi edicione. sed [illegible] scripturarum singraffare. a cartulis chirographis sunt roborandi. quia [illegible]
potestatem prerogatiua pontificali nomine functi. aliqua terra ecclesie beati [illegible] libenter impendere decreuimus. his locis limitis designatum. id est
in barricis ege. XXVIII. manentes. ac alibi in multis que uocabulo fungitur Wasingaham. ex Eo occidentali uero plaga fluminis [illegible] uocabulum [illegible]
hidaburna. ac. cassatis. [illegible] uiddica terra. [illegible] rege Ceduualla accepimus. a ab archiepiscopo regali culmine fideo roboratam. in cassatos septem
ta. VIII. regulariter recuperam. sub testificatione plurimorum. quorum nomina infra tenentur adscripta. Siquis uero hanc donationis munificentiam augere
ac amplificare uoluerit. augere di parte a. in dero uite. Sicut uero contrariis fretus potestate aliquam facere ausus fuerit. nouerit se in tremendo iudicium
a. moratorum. examine coram. quo singulorum facta. quia discretionis lance libramur. Nouemq; angelorum ordinibus. iustorum fasciculos sequestrata beatorum
caterua diuinarum rationem districte reddituram. Scripta est autem hec cartula idibus iunii mensis. indictione. VI. Anno ab incarnatione domini.
secundum nona centesimo. nona centesimo. III. Ego [illegible] ppa manu subscripsi. ✝ Ego Wilfridus epi dcns. a subscripsi. ✝ Ego Heddi
epi cleruicus subscripsi. ✝ Signum mani [illegible] regis. ✝ [illegible] Signum manus Ceduualla regis. ✝.

Signum manus Hagona abbatis. ✝ — Signum manus Wynberhta abbatis. ✝.

Signum manus hoce presbiter. ✝ — Signum manus Cussi minis tri. ✝

Signum manus Eadberhte. — Ego Brihtuuoldus archi epi crucem infixi. ✝

Ego [illegible] epi clericus subscripsi. — Ego Brihtuualdus [illegible] clericus subscripsi. ✝

Ego Tirul episcopus crucem infixi. ✝ — Ego Waldhere epi clericus subscripsi. ✝

Ego Eadgar diac crucem infixi. ✝ — Ego Eadmund diac crucem infixi. ✝

Signum manus Wecca. ✝ — Ego Cotta abb crucem infixi. ✝.

Ego Tiebald abbas crucem infixi. ✝

I

Westmonasterium Surrea

Batrichseca

Telligraphia Agelrici Dorkiensis episcopi de terris de Baterseye Wassingham et Hideborne ecclesie Westmonasteriensi concessis anno DC^is nonagesimo tertio.

Batersey cum limitibus

In prima rasura deberet scribi agelricus.

In secunda rasura deberet scribi Petri de

In tertia rasura deberet scribi Agelricus Darkiensis episcopus

I.

Westminster, Surrey

Batrichsece

The land book of Agelric Bishop of Dorchester of lands of Baterseye Wassingham and Hideborne granted to the church of Westminster in the year 693

Battersey with boundaries

In the first erasure should be read "Agelric"

In the second erasure should be read "Peter of"

In the third erasure should be read "Agelric bishop of Dorchester"

II

OFFA OF MERCIA. A.D. 785

IN nomine dei summi saluatoris mundi. Solus ille rex secuari de potestate regnum recte disponit qui terrenis ac caducis cælestia comparare conatur premia. Iccirco ego Offa diuina dispensante pietate monarcho merciensis regni munitus pro amore omnipotentis dei in memoria æterna dedi sancto Petro et plebi dei degenti in tornea in loco terribili quod dicitur æt Westmunstre quandam partem terræ id est X cæsatorum ubi solicoli clamare solent æt Eldenham cum omnibus aptis usibus pratis pascuis piscatis siluis siluarum densitatibus cuncisque necessariis utilitatibus ut habeant in proprium potestatem perpetualiter concedens donaui. Accepta quoque ab ecclesie ejusdem abbate Ordbrihto placabili pretio C manucusas auri obrizi in una armilla. Iam sequitur istius ruris circgyrata terminatio. Ærest upp of colenea æt þære þange hegge þonne east into heðene up to hoþic fram hoþic to þam cupe fram Þam cupe into þam middelm Þere stræte. Þæðlang stræte into hilce sloþ fram hilcen sloþ to tiþulfes treop fram tiþulfes treop to hæselhlyste gate. þa þanon to þam fulen gate. Þanon into þam þest heale þa to þuleþe hoige fram þuleþe hoige to huselyrge. þa Þanon into cealden lea and þa eft into colenea þe middelen streame. Hanc autem donationem si quis face demonis suppositus aliquibus maculis turpare frangere minuere auferre satagerit sciat se de supernis pulsu demonum in iura cadendum nisi prius hic ad emendationem meruisse maluerit. Anno dominice incarnationis DCCLXXXV acta est hec prefata donatio sub horum testimonio quorum nomina hanescunt infra.

✠ Ego offa rex merciorum hanc elemosinam deo donante cum signo sancte cruces confirmo.
✠ Ego cynedryþ regina figens crucem ✠ gaudenter consignaui.
✠ Ego æþelbriht archiepiscopus commodum duxi.

✠ Ego heabered episcopus
✠ Ego uttel episcopus.
✠ Ego eadberht dux.
✠ Ego esne dux.
✠ Ego eatta dux et regis discifer consensi.
✠ Ego brorda dux
✠ Ego cenpulf minister.
✠ Ego Ealhhelm minister.

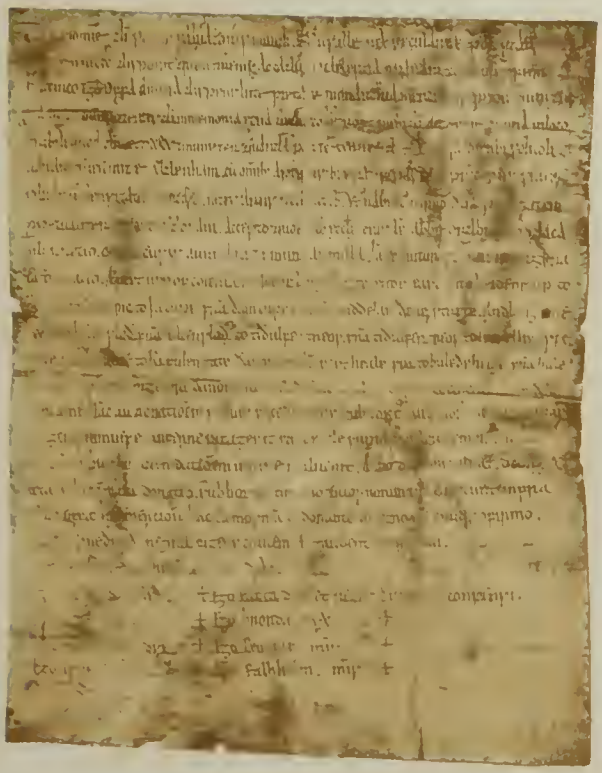
II.

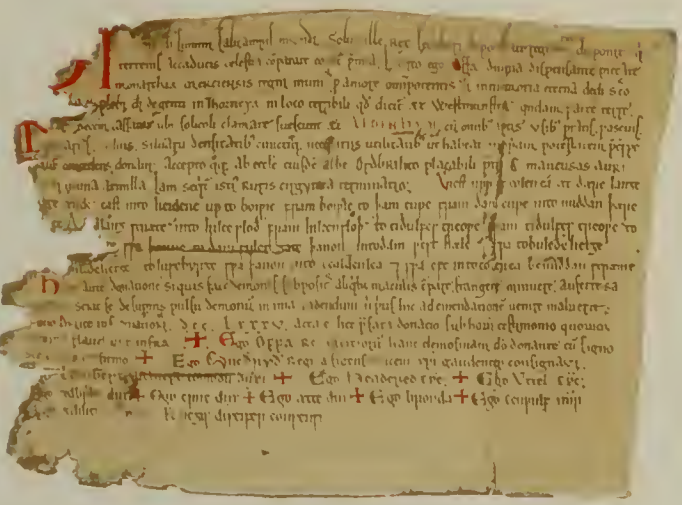
OFFA OF MERCIA. A.D. 785.

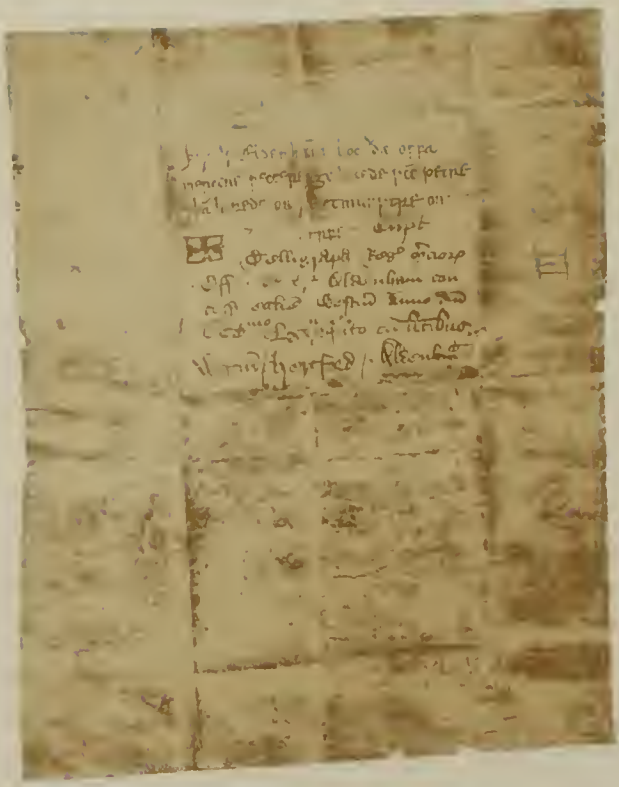
IN the name of the most high God the Saviour of the world. That King does rightly dispose the rule of [illegible] power who tries to purchase heavenly rewards with earthly and perishable things. Wherefore I Offa by dispensation of divine clemency armed in the monarchy of the Mercian Kingdom for love of Almighty God have given in eternal remembrance to St Peter and God's folk dwelling in Thorney in the venerable place which is called Westminster a certain portion of land that is ten cassates, which the inhabitant call Eldenham, with all meet uses, meadows, pastures, fisheries, woods, thickets of woods and all necessary services that they may have it in their own power for ever. An acceptable price being at the same time received for Ordbriht Abbot of the same church to wit 100 mancuses of red gold in a bracelet. Now follows the boundary round about this land. First up from Colne river to the end of the long hedge, east into Heðene up to Howic, from Howic to the coop, from the coop into the middle of the road along the road into Hilce slough from Hilce slough to Tuhulfs tree from Tuhulfs tree to Hazelhyrste gate from thence to the Foul gate, thence into the west hall, so to Bulath hay from Bulath hay to Huselyrge, so thence into Cealden lea and so again into Colne river by mid stream. Moreover, if any one being placed under the Devil's torch shall strive to take away diminish, infringe or defile with any blemishes this grant let him know that by the pushing of demons he shall fall from the highest to the lowest, unless he should prefer coming to an amendment on this subject beforehand. In the year of the Dominical Incarnation 785 this aforesaid grant was made under the testimony of those whose names shine like gold beneath.

✠ I Offa King of the Mercians confirm this alms and by the gift of God with the sign of the Holy Cross
✠ I Cynethryth Queen affixing the Cross ✠ have joyfully subscribed
✠ I Æðelbriht archbishop have thought fit

✠ I Heabered, bishop
✠ I Uttel bishop
✠ I Eadberht duke
✠ I Esne duke
✠ I Eatta duke and the Kings steward have consented
✠ I Brorda duke
✠ I Cenwulf thane
✠ I Ealhhelm than







II

þis is Eldenham þæc þæ Offa þa mercene receræ gebuc ecclæ sancte petre ⁊ þam hirede on westmunstre on ece erfe

Duplicata

Pelligrapha Regis Mercnorum Offe de terra Aldenham concessa ecclesiæ Westmonasteriensi anno domini DCCCLXXXV quinto cum limitibus.

Westmonasterium Hertfordia Aldenham.

Aldenham

II.

This is Aldenham that Offa the Mercian King registered to St. Peter and the brotherhood in Westminster in perpetual inheritance

Duplicate

This is the Charter of Offa King of the Mercians of the land of Aldenham granted to the church of Westminster in the year of our Lord 788 with boundaries

Westminster Hertford Aldenham

Aldenham

III.

EADWIG. A.D. 957

IN NOMINE DEI et domini nostri iesu christi veni redemptoris mundi. Anno uero incarnationis DOMINI · DCCCCLVII · Indictione · XV. Ego EADþIG omni creantis disponente clementia angligenarum omniumque gentium undique seuis habitantium Rex diuina ductus amore ab eodem deo et domino nostro populis et tribubus preordinatus in regem anno imperii mei Secundo non immenor fui quomodo · et quam mirabiliter omnia supernus rector firme rationis serie gubernat atque custodit. Id circo eundem meo fideli ministro quem uocitant nonulli noto nocamine · LYFING · IX mansas duobus in locis concedo · illic ubi anglice dicitur · æt locceresleage · et æt TUNEþEORDE · ut habeat ac possideat · quandiu uiuat. Et postquam immersitatis viam adierit · Cuicumque uolherit hersh derelinquat in eternam hereditatem. Sit autem predictum rus liberum ab omni mundiali obstaculo Cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus Campis · paseuis · pratis · Siluis. Sine expeditione et pontis · arcisue instrictione. Si quis autem infringere temptauerit quod absit. Sciat se reum omni hora vite sue et tenebrosum tartarum non euadere. Istis terminis ambitur predicta tellus · þis synd Þa land gemære æt locceresleaga ⁊ æt tuneþeorde. Erest of tateburnan ⁊ lang mæres on þiñ mere þonon ⁊ lang mæres on holen riñe ⁊ lang riñe on sulue Þonon on þiñ pol þonon ⁊ lang mæres on þæt lingan strete to Þam tunstallan ⁊ lang strete oñ tunweorþinga gemæres west of þæt lingan strete ⁊ lang mæres on hayssæ mere Þonon ⁊ lang mæres on Þa þiestræte ⁊ lang strete to Þes hrades mæres æt Sancte Albane Þonon ⁊ lang mæres on þæt lingan strete suð ⁊ lang strete on Þa deopan furu þonon inon sulh Þonon ⁊ lang mæres to Þare apoldre þonon to Þam gemæreden stocce Þonon eft on tatabuman ⁊ se þuda gemæne þe into locceres leage hyrð oð Þæs cinges þuda ⁊ her is se þuda Þe into tuneþeorde hyrð · of hylfes hæcce þinon sule up ættær sulue on Þa holan riñe ⁊ lang riñe on Þæt brade æcter þonon ⁊ lang þæt lingan strete to hylfes hæcce

+ Ego EADþIG Rex Anglorum prefatam donationem concessi
+ Ego EADGAR eiusdem Regis frater CeleriteR consensi.
+ Ego ODA archiepiscopus cum signo Sancte crucis roborani.

+ Ego .Elfsinus presul agie crucis impressi.	+ Ego .Eþelstan. DUX.	+ Ego .Elfsige. MINISTER.
+ Ego Byrhthelm EPISCOPUS Consignaui	+ Ego EADMUND. DUX	+ Ego .EþelGEARD. MINISTER.
+ Ego CeNþald EPISCOPUS Adquiesci.	+ Ego Elfhere. DUX	+ Ego .Elfred. MINISTER.
+ Ego OsceTEI EPISCOPUS Corroboraui.	+ Ego ByrhtNoþ. DUX	+ Ego .Elfheah. MINISTER.
+ Ego OSulf EPISCOPUS Subscripsi.	+ Ego Eþelsige. DUX.	+ Ego þulstaN. MINISTER
+ Ego ByrhThelm EPISCOPUS Non renuui	+ Ego Aþelfold. DUX	+ Ego Eadric. MINISTER.
+ Ego aþulf EPISCOPUS CoNelusi.	+ Ego Elfheah. DUX	+ Ego Byrnric. MINISTER.

Þis synd Þa landgemære to Batricesen. Erest at hegefre · fram hegefre to gæteneshade · fram gæteneshade to gryndeles syllen · fram grýndeles sylle to ryssemere · fram ryssemere to þæfgenham fram þæfgenham to bernardes byrcles ⁊ þra Þanon to þam blacheanore, fram blacheanore: to Þam coppede Þorne; fram Þam coppede Þorne to bæneces burr · þra Þanon to bæneriñe. Eadþa feor þra an mon mæi mid anen bille ge þurpen ⁊ an fruman: and þit here cornen · þra eft ongen: to þæfgeh riñe Þanon norð into tæmese · be middan streame · be healfen streame: eft into hegefre. Hertó ge byrð se þude þe hatte þæruge · seofen milen ⁊ seofen furlang: and seofen fet embeganges.

III

EADWIG. A.D. 957

IN THE NAME OF GOD and of our Lord Jesus Christ the Redeemer of a venal world. In the year moreover of the Incarnation of our LORD 957 the 15th Indiction, I EADWIG, by the mercy of the all Creator King of the English born and all nations dwelling round about led by divine love by the same God and our Lord preordained King over the peoples and tribes, in the second year of my sovereignty have not been unmindful of how and how wonderfully the Most High Ruler governs and guards all things by a course of firm conduct. Therefore I grant to a certain faithful thane of mine, whom some call by the well known name LYFING, 9 hides in two places there where it is said in the English tongue at Locceresleage and at Tuneweorth that he may have and possess them as long as he lives. And after that he shall have gone the way of all, he may leave them to whatever heir he pleases in eternal inheritance. Moreover let the aforesaid land be free from all worldly burdens. With all things thereto of right belonging fields pastures, meadows, woods. Except army service and the building of bridges or castles. If any one however shall attempt to infringe which God forbid, let him know that he is arraigned every hour of his life and shall not escape the gloomy of hell. The aforesaid land is surrounded by the boundaries. These are the land marks at Locceresleage and at Tuneweorth. First from Tateburn along the march to Withmere, then along the march to Holne stream, along the stream to Sulue, then to Withy pool, then along the march to Watling street to the town place, along the street a furlong Tuneworths boundary west of Watling street, along the march to Luy sæ mere, then along the march to the Wick street, along the street to the reed water at St Alban's, then along the march to Watling street; south along the street to the deep furrow, thence on to Sulh, thence along the march to the apple tree, thence to the marked stock, thence again to Tatburn and the common wood that belongs to Locceresleage as far as the King's wood—and here is the wood that belongs to Tuneworth. From Hylfe's hatch in to Sule, up through Sulue to the Holne stream, along the stream to the broad water, thence along Watling street to Hylfe's hatch

+ I Eadwig King of the English have granted the aforesaid gift.
+ I Eadgar brother of the said King have quickly consented.
+ I Oda archbishop have confirmed with the sign of the holy Cross.

+ I .Elfsin bishop have set the mark of the holy Cross	+ I .Ethelstan Duke	+ I .Elfsige Thane
+ I Byrhthelm bishop have signed	+ I Edmund Duke	+ I .Ethelgard Thane
+ I Cenwald bishop have acquiesced	+ I .Elfhere Duke	+ I .Elfred Thane
+ I Oskytel bishop have corroborated	+ I Byrhtnoth Duke	+ I .Elfheah Thane
+ I Osulf bishop have subscribed	+ I .Ethelsige Duke	+ I Wulstan Thane
+ I Byrhthelm bishop have not refused	+ I Athelwold Duke	+ I Eadric Thane
+ I ..thulf bishop have concluded	+ I Elfheah Duke	+ I Byrnric Thane

These are the land marks at Batricesen. First at Hige Efre from High Efre to Gates hall from Gates hall to Gryndels post, from Gryndels post to Ryssemere from Ryssemere to Bæfgenham from Bæfgenham to Bernardes barrow and so thence to the black moor from black moor to the copped thorn from the copped thorn to Benes bury so thence to Bæner stream. As far as a man may cast a bill, and a five man rye barley corn so again to Fowl stream. Thence north in to Thames by mid stream by bell stream again to High Efre. Hereto belongeth the wood that is called Þæruge seven miles and seven furlongs and seven feet round about.

HHODIUS DI & DNI NŪ IHU. CPI VERI REDEMPTORIS MUNDI. Anno uero incarnationis dni decimo sexto indictione .xv. Ego EADRIC omni creaturae disponente clementia du-
cum gentarum omnium que gentium undique seruit habitantium rex diuina ducente dignatione. Decreuimus ergo cum omnibus principibus meis et populis et exercitibus praeeminentissimis in regno meo in primis ut, secundo
non minime quidem quomodo et quam mirabiliter omnia superni rerum: Firme pinnulis serie gubernat atque custodit. Sed cum eundem meum fideli ministro quem vocitant nonnulli meo voca-
mine Leofric. ut mansas duobus milibus concedo. illic ubi anglice dicitur ad Locesleage. ~ et unum pecoris de habeat de possidere. quandiu unde Ceolfrith uniuersitatis viam
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Hoc autem ambiuit predicta cellula perpetuo ad land gemaere adaptaque terra cum prato. Spatio et circumiacentia. Lang mapce ordimapce bonon. Lang mapce oaholea pade. Lang pade
hyrnaddaland. angulus donon on pidgol bonon. Lang mapce onmerlinsfyre eadum emsfillan. Lang fyre ad cimpeadunca gemaere pest of perlingo fyre. Lang mapce onlimyre mere donon
Lang mapce ondu pistfyre. Lang fyre eo dg hyseley mapce. se Sce Albane donon. Lang mapce onmerlimgon fyre fud. Lang fyre ondu de pu papa bonon non pulli donon. Lang mapce
adpu apolpe bonon eo dam gemaeremeden ferce. donon ept onterhuman. Ipse pulli gemaere. pentolocepyt. sexo hyrd. ad hor cuscp impulu. hip q ipse pulli de meo cum people hyrd. opbuhpe
ferce unon pule up ercpon pulue ondu holampude. Lang pude ondu hude. ferce. donon. Lang perlimgon fyre eo hyser here.

Hec EADRIC rex anglorum perpetuam donationem concessi.
Ego EADRIC eiusdem regis frater celeriter consensi.
Ego DUN archiepc cum signo sce Cruis roborauit.
Ego Alfsinus presul agre crucis impressi.

Ego Birthelai.	Epc.	Consignau.	Ego Apelstan	Dux.	Ego Alfsige	miles
Ego Cenpald.	Epc.	Adquieui.	Ego Eadmund.	Dux.	Ego Apelbeard.	miles
Ego Oscetel.	Epc.	Corroborau.	Ego Alfheres	Dux.	Ego Alfred.	miles
Ego Oskytel.	Epc.	Subscripsi.	Ego Byrthnoth.	Dux.	Ego Alfheah	miles
Ego Sophi thelm.	Epc.	Honorauui.	Ego Apelsuie.	Dux.	Ego Fulstan.	miles
Ego Aprwf.	Epc	Concluso.	Ego Apelfold.	Dux.	Ego Eadric.	miles
			Ego Alfhean	Dux.	Ego Byrnsie	miles

Istud sunt illa landgemaere eo. Aerpuceyre. ealfist. ac heccepie. fyum heccepie. eo grencherhale. fyum grencherhale. eo gyrndeleg pylla. fyum gyrndeleg pylle eo pyrrcuceyre. fyum
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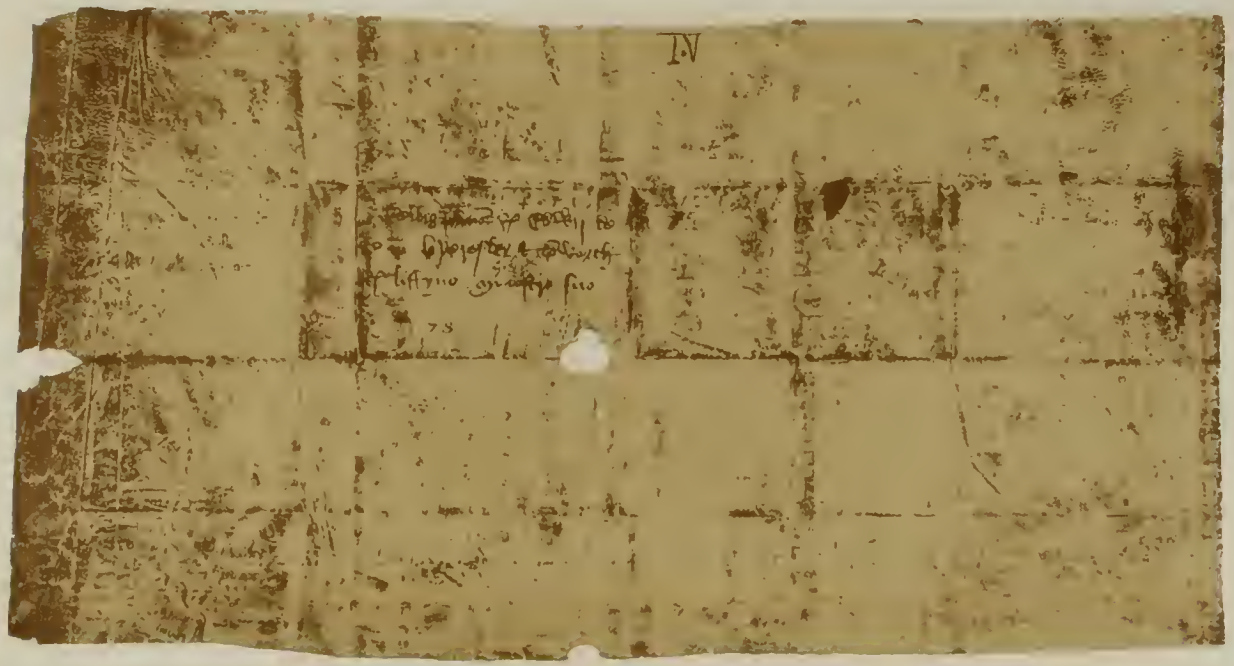

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Tellingcaplus Regis Edwi de [illegible] de Lapcres-
ley et Tomworth concessit Hilfync monetto suo

III.

[illegible] Kin[illegible] Edwy of [illegible] and [illegible] Lapcres-
ley and Tomworth [illegible] to Hilfync his [illegible]

IV.

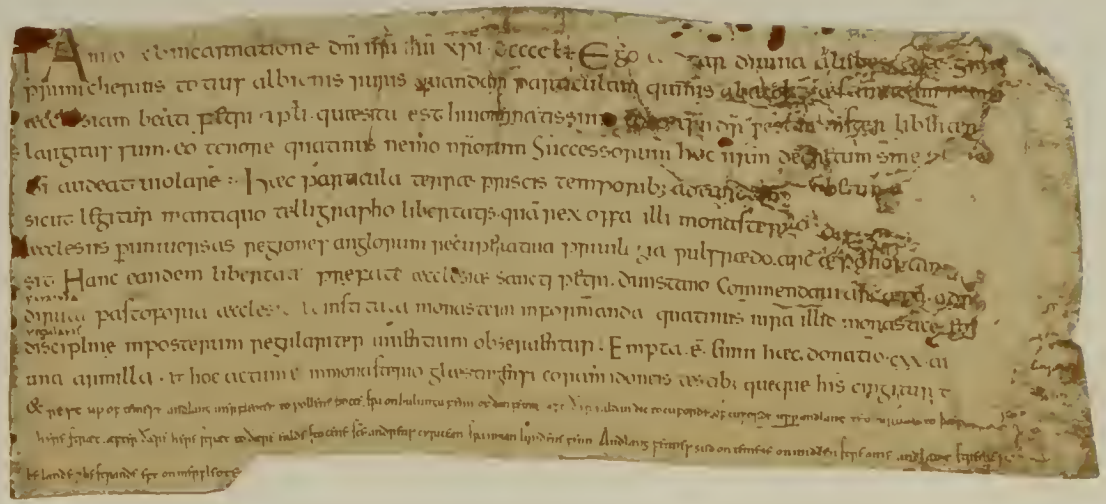
EADGAR. A.D. 959.

✠ ANNO ab incarnatione domini nostri ihesu christi DCCCCLI. Ego eadgar diuina adulescente gratia rex et primicherius totius albionis ruris quandam particulam quinis ab aedilis astimatam manis [uinculas ad] ecclesiam beatri petri apostoli quae sita est in nominatissimo loco qui dicitur westmunster libenter [admodum] largitus sum eo tenore quatinus nemo nostrorum Successorum hoc nostrum decretum [ira omnipotentis] dei audeat uiolare. Haec particula terrae priscis temporibus ad eandem [perlibetur] ecclesiam pertinere sicut legitur in antiquo telligraphio libertatis quam rex offa illi monasterio dudum contulit quando ecclesiis per uniuersas regiones anglorum recuperatina priuilegia pulfredo archiepiscopo [lorian te scribere iussit]. Hanc eandem libertatem praefate aecclesiae sancti petri dunstano commendaui archiepiscopo ad reparanda diruta pastoforia aecclesiae et instituta monasterii informanda quatinus iura illic monastica et regularis disciplina imposterum regulariter inuentium obseruentur. Empta est eam hac donatio CXX. a uicis solidis in una armilla et hoc actum est in monasterio glastingensi coram idoneis testibus quaeque his cingitur territoriis. Erest up of temese andlang merifleotes to pollene stocce spa on hulunga fenn of Sam fenne æfter Sær caldan die to euforde of euforde upp andlang teoberman to Jea[re pile here street æfter Sære here street to Sære cable stoccene sancte andreas cyricean spa innan lundene fenn. Andlang feannes siol on temese on midden streame andlang streames be lande ⁊ be strande eft on merfleote.

IV.

EADGAR. A.D. 959.

✠ IN the year from the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ 951, I, Eadgar by pleasure of divine grace King and Chief of all Albion, have cheerfully fully bestowed upon the Church of St. Peter the Apostle which is situated in the very celebrated place which is called Westmunster a certain parcel of land estimated by the inhabitants at five yokelet so that none of our successors may dare to violate this our decree on pain of the wrath of Almighty God. This parcel of land in former times is reported to have belonged to the said church as is to be read in an ancient land deed of liberty which King Offa granted to that monastery when at the exhortation of Archbishop Wulfred he commanded their recoverable privileges to be written for the churches throughout the universal regions of the Angles. I have commended this same liberty of the aforesaid church of St. Peter to archbishop Dunstan for repairing the dilapidated chapels of the church and to form the institution of the monastery in order that the rules of monastic and regular discipline may for the future be regularly observed by those living there. Moreover this grant has been bought with 120 golden shillings in a barter and this has been done in the monastery of Glastonbury before proper witnesses. The which land is surrounded by these boundaries. First, up from Thames along Merifleet to Poole's stock so on Bulung fen from the fen through the old dike at Cuford, from Cuford up along Tyburn to the wide army street through the army street to the old stocks of St. Andrew's church so into London fen. Along the fen south to Thames in mid stream along stream by land and by strand again to Merifleet.



IV

✠Telligraphus antiquus Regis Anglorum Eadgari de terra Westmonasterii sub data anno domini DCCCC quinquagesimo primo

IV

An old land book of Eadgar King [illegible] the Angles [illegible] land of Westminster under date in the year of Our Lord 900 and fifty one

V.

DUNSTAN. A.D. 959.

✠ DUNSTANUS dei misericordia lundoniensis episcopus · omnibus episcopis · abbatibus · et cunctis ęcclesię filiis · presentibus et futuris in perpetuum. Quum fratres karissimi inimicus humani generis semper laborat superseminare zizania in agro dominice sationis. Et quos non potest incitare ad grauiora delicta · plerumque de minimis occasionibus incendit ad lites et discordias: cauendum est eis maxime qui in ecclesiasticis ordinibus eminere uidentur · ut publice ac priuatim quanta uirtute possunt amputent omnes occasiones per quas inter seruos dei scandala possunt oriri · ut quietam et tranquillam uitam agamus in caritate domini. Quapropter nouerit omnium catholice ecclesie cultorum generalis uniuersitas quod domnus gloriosissimus EADGARUS anglorum rex: diuino irradiatus lumine · religiosa petitione humilitatis nostrę extremitatem poposcit propter frequentes monachorum et clericorum simultationes · ut et nos et canonicorum nostrorum communis fraternitas · securitatis et incommutabilitatis priuilegium ederemus pro reuerentia summi apostolorum principis Petri ad basilicam ipsius quę dicitur Ƿestmonasterium · ubi reliquię ipsius uirtutum miraculis coruscant: quamquam multo ante nos tempore beatus papa GREGORIUS de eadem re sententiam tulerit · dicens inter alia · Interdicimus in nomine domini ihesu christi ex auctoritate beati Petri apostolorum principis · cuius uice huic ecclesię presidemus · ut nullus episcoporum uel secularium ulterius presumat de redditibus rebus · uel kartis monasteriorum · uel priuilegiis que ad ea pertinent quocumque modo seu qualibet occasione · uel dolos · uel immissiones facere. Sed si qua forte occasio inter ea euenerit · et pacifice non potuerit ordinari: apud electos abbates et alios patres timentes deum sine uoluntaria dilatione mediis sacrosanctis euangeliis finiatur. Item post pauca · Missas quoque publicas ab episcopis in cenobiis fieri omnino prohibemus · ne in seruorum dei recessibus et eorum receptaculis ulla prebeatur occasio conuentus · uel mulierum fiat nouus introitus · quod omnino non expedit animabus eorum. Nec audeant ibi cathedram collocare · uel quamlibet potestatem habere imperandi · nec aliquam ordinationem quamvis leuissimam faciendi nisi ab abbate fuerint rogati: quatinus monachi semper maneant in abbatum suorum potestate. Idem alio loco. Graue nimis et contra sacerdotale constat esse propositum cuiusque monasterii priuilegia olim indulta confundere et ad irritum que sunt pro quiete disposita niti deducere. Item LEO papa martiano augusto. Priuilegia monasteriorum sanctorum patrum auctoritate instituta · nulla possunt improbitat conuelli · nulla nouitate mutari. Item ex decretis ANACLETI papę. Priuilegia monasteriorum intemerata et inuiolata perpetuis decernimus manere temporibus. Item beatus AUGUSTINUS in libris de ecclesiasticis ordinibus docet sub quiete monachos regulariter uiuentes · sua singulari lege debere quiescere et ab omni infestatione clericorum intrepidos permanere: ne secularis strepitus eos ledat · quos districta regula seruitutis domini moderatur. Item ex concilio hispalensi secundo · Statuimus pari sententia · ut cenobia que antiquitus instituta sunt: inmobili et inconcussa stabilitate permaneant solidata. Si quis autem quod absit nostrum uel succedentium sacerdotum quodlibet monasterium aut in cupiditatis expoliandum aut simulatione aliqua fraudis conuellendum uel dissoluendum temptauerit · anathema effectus: maneat a regno dei extraneus · nec proficiat illi bonum fidei uel operis ad salutem: qui tante et tam salutaris uitę destruxerit tramitem. Hanc ergo scriptorum istorum sententiam considerantes · uel ideo quia supra dicti domni EADGARI regis petitio nobis quasi iussio est cui difficillimum est resisti. seu pro reuerentia tanti apostoli cuius patrocinio se ipse commisit seu ut ipsis monachis secundum sanctum ordinem uiuere liceat et ut tam pro nobis quam pro omnibus ecclesię nostrę fratribus deum orent: hoc priuilegium plena uoluntate una cum consensu fratrum meorum ipsis concessi · per quod decerno atque ob testificatione diuini nominis interdico ut nec ego deinceps nec ullus successorum meorum episcoporum lundoniensium hoc audeat infringere uel temerario ausu aliquatenus uiolare · uidelicet · ut omnis presbiter · uel clericus ex iis qui in ipso procinctu beatissimi Petri et omnes illi qui in circumscripto spatio sicut designant cruces vel fossata uel alia signa illi ecclesię seruiunt: sint liberi et absoluti ab omni debito et redditione circadarum et synodorum. Tamen uolumus et pro amore uel reuerentia sancti Petri concedimus. ut ex nostro uel successorum nostrorum episcopatu · sine pretio crisma et oleum accipiant. Concedimus etiam illi loco cymiterium liberum · sicut et a regibus ab antiquis temporibus concessum fuerat ita ut quicumque de quocumque loco uel cuiuscumque conditionis petierit se ibi sepeliri: non impediatur uel prohibeatur · uel ab episcopo · uel ab archidiacono · uel a parrochiano suo presbitero. Et si quis eorum presbiter · uel clericus · forte aut occisus quod absit aut uulneratus fuerit: aut ex eis omnibus alicuius iniurie acclamatio surrexerit: quicquid ex his omnibus ad nos attinere uidetur: hoc totum abbati qui in ipso sancto loco prefuerit ceterisque fratribus habendum et disponendum concedimus. Si autem quod absit etiam de rebus eorum furtum fuerit factum: et abbati uel fratribus uisum fuerit ut examinatio ex hoc debeat agitari: habebunt licentiam accipiendi a nostro episcopatu benedictum ferrum uel si qua alia sunt instrumenta aut benedictiones ad huiusmodi rem exercendam: absque exactione pretii a calumniatore · uel calumniato · intra procinctum monasterii tantum · sed extra efferendi ad uillas suas: uel causas aliorum agendas · non habebunt potestatem. Relaxamus etiam eos qui intra uillam ipsius procinctus commorantur a collecta denariorum quam romeschot appellant sicut relaxatum est a regibus OFFA et KENULFO et EADGARO. Et omnia que ad libertatem et exaltationem illius loci per nostram auctoritatem accedere possunt: hilari et prompta uoluntate concedimus · nimirum cum ego illi sancto loco quasi multorum regum temporibus neglecto prefuerim: quem postea additis et aliquantis terris · uenerabili ƿULSINO eiusdem loci monacho commendauimus seruandum · quas scilicet terras hic denotare non omittimus. Inprimis circa illud monasterium · .v. mansas a uenerabili rege EADGARO .c xx. mancusis auri una cum loco emi et cum redditibus et cum terris quas antiqui reges scilicet OFFA KENULFUS · et ELFREDUS illi sancto loco benigne dederant. Item .v. mansas in BLECENHAM et .v. in LOƿERESLEGE a prefato rege emi .x. mancusis auri et addidi monasterio prefato. Item mercatus sum a uenerabili ETHELƿOLDO ƿintoniensi episcopo .x. mansas · et .x. a quodam ƿulnoþo milite regis octaginta libris ~ probati argenti easque sub uno territorio addidi prefato monasterio in loco scilicet qui HENDUN dicitur. Item tres cassatos emi a quodam EADNOƿO regis ministro .xii. libris in loco qui codenhleaw nuncupatur et addidi predicto loco. Quidam autem minister regis in middelsexan mansitando elfƿine uocitamine · qui adiens limina sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli rome scilicet et gratia inopie petiit a me quoddam amminiculum · qui commodans ei xxx. libras argenti · suscepi ab eo .viii. mansas cuiusdam telluris in HANEƿELLE: et addidi loco sepenominato. Item .x. cassatos emi ab Elfego duce · ducentis mancusis auri in loco qui Sunnabyri dicitur et dedi prefato cenobio. Et illam possessionem in Sceppertune emi ab Ealfleda uidua .lx. bizanteis nummis et dedi loco prescripto. Item Elfhelm polga pro anime sue remedio .v. mansas largitus est cenobitis in ƿestmunstre conuersantibus in loco qui BRIkandun uulgari uocitamine dicitur. Item Elfƿine prefectus regis de Kent .iii. cassatos cenobio prefato pro animula sua coniugisque largitus est in loco qui Sillinctune dicitur · Et illa possessio in Perham post dies ƿulnoþi redeat ad prefatum cenobium quam ab eodem mercatus sum xxx. mancusis auri. Et illud prediolum in Padintune ecclesie predicte: addidi. Item predium illud in cofenlea prefate ecclesię adieci. Item predium in ewelle illi sancto loco in perpetuam perstrinxi possessionem.

+ EGO EADGARUS rex Anglorum huius libertatis donationem culminis totius regimen gubernans episcopo DUNSTANO desiderante: libenter concessi et signo sancto regiaque potestate roboraui ✠

+ In christi nomine sub horum testimonio quorum nomina flauescunt infra. EGO DUNSTANUS uesi peccator et nomine tantum episcopus hanc libertatis scedulam impressione sigilli nostri et anuli · insuper et agalmate sancte crucis diligenter consignaui · ac deinde manibus ad celum extensis dixi. Si quis hanc munificentie libertatem sanctum predictumque locum in terris uel decimis uel aliis redditibus seu in aliquo · nostris et futuris temporibus meliorauerit uel adauxerit augeat illi deus perpetuitatis beatitudinem · atque in nostris orationibus et benedictione ab omnibus peccatis suis absoluti: feliciter permaneant. Qui uero hanc nostram auctoritatem uel immunitatem infringere uoluerint · uel alios ad hoc conduxerint · et tam ea que preteritis uel nostris temporibus sunt data quam ea que in futuro a fidelibus danda sunt stolido conamine absumere cogitauerint uel aliquod amminiculum aut calices aut cruces seu indumenta altaris uel sacros codices aurum · argentum uel qualemcumque speciem ibidem collatam eripere temptauerint: uel alios de rebus illius ecclesię hereditauerint · fratribusque eiusdem loci uim inferre presumpserint · uel eos iniuste contristauerint · necnon et hanc scedulam kartulasque regum uel aliorum fidelium ad defensionem et tuitionem loci ibidem data ~ auferre seu euertere studuerint: ignibus eternis · cruciatibus perpetuis illos damus · maledicimus atque excommunicamus. Portas celi eis claudimus et deleantur nomina eorum de libro uite sitque pars eorum cum iuda domini traditore nisi resipiscant · et tribus annis a communione fratrum sequestrati penitentiam agant. ✠

+ EGO OSƿOLDUS eboracensis ecclesię archiepiscopus · huius munificentie conseruatores benedixi contradictores uero perpetuo dampnaui dicens. Effundat dominus super eos iram suam et furor ire sue comprehendat eos. ✠

+ EGO ÆLFSTANUS rofensis ecclesię episcopus hanc libertatem augmentantes regi regum commendaui · destructores autem sic dicendo maledixi. Ueniat mors super illos · et descendant in infernum uiuentes. ✠

+ EGO ÆLFEAGUS ƿintoniensis ęcclesię episcopus illius loci adauctores ihesu christo consignaui · inuasores nempe eternis cruciatibus tradidi dicens. Non sit illis pax · non misericordia · non pietas · sed terror infernorum · crudelitas penarum impietas cruciatuum. ✠

+ EGO ÆSCƿIUS episcopus dorcensis ecclesie · hec adieci. Erubescant destructores presentis loci et conturbentur in seculum seculi et confundantur et pereant benefactores autem: in ęternum uiuant ✠

+ EGO ADULFUS presul herefordensis ecclesie · hoc idem hec dicens adfirmaui. Maledicti sint raptores illius sancte ecclesię in omnibus operibus suis et in omnibus uiis · suis et in cunctis adinuentionibus suis prauis · benefactores uero a deo benedicantur. ✠

+ EGO ÆƿELSINUS episcopus scireburnensis ecclesię supradicta sic conclusi Quicunque inferior uel sublimior contra hunc libellum quicquam sinistrum audere presumpserit · uiuus ad inferos arreptus: inter omnia perpetua mala in perpetuum dampnetur. ✠

Anno ab incarnatione domini DCCCC^{mo} L^{mo} IX · Imperii autem gloriosi regis EADGARI IIII^{to}. Ego Aldredus abbas hanc scedulam scripsi kalendas aprilis · episcopo Dunstano rogante · quam idem episcopus Lundonie et ƿigornie necnon et totius Anglie Decanus super altare beati petri in eadem ecclesia que manibus angelicis consecrata dinoscitur · obtulit atque ibidem in euum propter iniquitates simultationesque futurorum atque inopinata mala que sepe predicebat futura eam seruari ad defensionem loci: precepit Indictione uero . II^{a}.

V.

DUNSTAN. A.D. 959.

✠ DUNSTAN by the mercy of God bishop of London to all bishops, abbots and all sons of the church present and to come for ever. Whereas, beloved brethren, the enemy of the human race is always striving to oversow with tares the field of our Lord's planting and those whom he cannot incite to the graver offences he very often for very small occasions irritates to strife and disagreements, it behoves us and principally those who are seen to be conspicuous in ecclesiastical orders publicly and privately with all the energy we can to cut away all occasions by which scandals may arise among the servants of God in order that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in the love of the Lord. Wherefore, let all the priests of the catholic church know that the most glorious Lord, Eadgar King of the Angles, irradiated with a divine light, has with devout petition earnestly requested the depth of our humility, that on account of the frequent dissensions between the monks and clerks, both we and the common fraternity of our canons should out of reverence for the most high Prince of the Apostles, Peter, proclaim the privilege of security and immutability of his church which is called Westminster, where the relics of his virtues coruscate with miracles, although long before our time the blessed Pope Gregory delivered judgment on the same subject, saying, among other things, "We forbid in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by authority of the blessed Peter, Prince of the Apostles, in whose stead we preside over this church, that any bishop or layman shall any more presume in any way whatever or on any occasion whatever, to make fraudulent exactions upon the rents possessions, or charters of monasteries or the privileges which belong to them but if by chance an occasion shall arise which cannot be peaceably settled among them, it shall be without any voluntary delay terminated before the elected abbots and other God fearing fathers through the mediation of the holy gospels." And a little further on "We also entirely forbid public masses to be celebrated by bishops in monasteries, lest in the cells and retreats of God's servants any opportunity should be afforded for an assemblage or new entry of women which would not be altogether expedient for their souls. Nor shall they dare to establish a seat of judgment there or exercise any power whatever of governing or making any ordinance, however trifling, unless they shall have been asked by the abbot in order that the monks may always remain under the authority of their own abbots. The same in another place, "It appears to be an exceedingly grave matter and opposed to the sacerdotal intention, to disturb privileges formerly granted to any monastery and to endeavour to reduce to no effect matters which have been settled for the sake of quiet." Also Pope Leo to Martianus Augustus. "The privileges of monasteries instituted by the authority of the holy fathers cannot be destroyed by any improbity and cannot be altered by any novelty." Also by decree of Pope Anacletus "We decree that the privileges of monasteries remain for ever uncorrupted and inviolate." Also the blessed Augustine in his book concerning ecclesiastical orders teaches that monks living together for the sake of a quiet life should be undisturbed in the exercise of their own rule, and remain unembarrassed by any lay interference, lest secular uproar should annoy those who are governed by the strict rules of our Lord's service. Also from the second Council of Seville "We have settled by equal judgment that monasteries which have been anciently instituted shall remain "strengthened in immoveable and unshaken stability. If any one however, which God forbid, shall attempt either by force of avarice to despoil or by any simulation of fraud to destroy or dissolve any monastery "whatsoever of ours or of succeeding priests, the curse having been pronounced, let him remain a stranger to the kingdom of God, nor shall the blessing of faith or work profit to his salvation who shall have ruined the "course of so great and salutary a life." We therefore considering the judgment of those writers and because moreover the petition of King Eadgar is to us like a command which it is very difficult to disobey and likewise out of reverence for that great apostle to whose patronage he has committed himself, and in order that the same monks may be enabled to live after the holy ordinance and pray to God both as well for us as for the other brethren of our church have granted this privilege of my own free will, and with the consent of my brethren wherefore I decree and by testification of the Divine name, at the same time pronounce that henceforth neither I nor any of my successors bishops of London shall dare to infringe this judgment or with audacious temerity in any way violate the same to wit that every priest or clerk serving this Church as well those within the precinct of the most blessed Peter itself, as also all those in the circumscribed space marked out by crosses, ditches, or other marks, shall be free and absolved from all dues and returns of church scot and synodals. Moreover we will and, for love and reverence of St. Peter, grant that they may receive from ourselves and our successors in the See, chrism and oil without payment. We grant also to that place a free cemetery, as has indeed been of old times granted by Kings, so that no one of whatsoever place or condition he may be who shall seek to be buried there shall be hindered or forbidden either by the bishop or by the archdeacon or by his parochial priest. And if any one of them priest or clerk, shall by chance, which God forbid, be either killed or wounded, or any claim for injury arise among them all, everything which should pertain to us therein we grant altogether to the abbot who shall be presiding in this holy place and the other brethren, to have and dispose of. If however, which God forbid, a theft should be committed of their goods and it shall seem expedient to the abbot and brethren that an examination should be made into the matter, they shall have licence to accept from our see the blessed iron or any other instruments, or benedictions if such there be, for the performance of the same, without exaction of fee from either the claimer or claimee within the precinct of the monastery only, but they shall not have the power of taking them outside to their vills or for use in the causes of other people. We also release those who dwell within the vill of the same precinct from the collection of pence which is called Romescot as has been released by the Kings Offa, Kenulf, and Eadgar, and everything which by our authority can conduce to the liberty and exaltation of this place, we grant with a joyful and ready will. Verily when I was appointed to preside over this holy place which had been, as it were neglected during the reigns of many Kings, we placed it in the keeping of the venerable Wulsin a monk of the same place, a considerable number of lands having been given to it which lands, to wit, we do not omit to denote here. In the first place I bought round about the monastery 5 hides from the venerable King Eadgar for 120 mancuses of gold, together with the place and with the rents and lands which the ancient Kings to wit Offa Kenulf, and Ælfred had benignly conferred upon this holy place. I also bought from the aforesaid King 5 hides in Blecenham and 5 in Lotheresleage for 10 mancuses of gold, and added them to the monastery. I also purchased from the venerable Ethelwold bishop of Winchester 10 hides, and 10 from one of the King's Knights named Wulnoth for 80 pounds of assayed money, and added them under one estate to the aforesaid monastery in the place, to wit, which is called Hendon. I also bought from one Eadnoth, a thane of the King, 12 pounds in a place which is called Codenhlaw and added them to the aforesaid place. Another of the King's thanes, also dwelling in Middlesex by name Elfwine who was on his way to the threshold of the holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul at Rome being pressed by want of money sought my aid and I lent him 30 pounds of silver taking from him 8 hides of land in Hanwell, which I added to this often mentioned place. I also bought from Duke Ælfege 10 hides in the place which is called Sunbury for 200 mancuses of gold and gave them to the aforesaid monastery. And that property in Shepperton I bought from the widow Ælfled for 60 bezants and gave them to the said place. Also Elfelm Polga for the cure of his soul bestowed upon the monks abiding in Westminster 5 hides in the place which in vulgar parlance is called Brickendune. Also Ælfwine, the King's reeve of Kent, bestowed upon the said monastery for his own soul and his wife's 3 hides in the place which is called Sillinctune. And that estate at Perham, which I purchased from Wulnoth for 30 mancuses of gold, will after his death, revert to the aforesaid monastery. And I have added a small estate in Paddington to the aforesaid church. And I have added that estate in Cofenlea to the aforesaid church. And I have bound an estate in Ewell to this holy place in perpetual possession by contract. I Eadgar King of the Angles ruling over all, have at the earnest request of bishop Dunstan freely granted the gift of this liberty and have strengthened it with the holy sign and the royal power + + In Christ's name and under the testimony of those whose names shine like gold beneath + I Dunstan, albeit a sinner and bishop only in name, have diligently signed this charter of liberty with the impression of both our seal and ring and the image of the holy cross and then, with my hands stretched forth to Heaven I said "If any one shall ameliorate or increase this grant of munificence and the aforesaid "holy place by lands, tithes rents or other things in our own and future times may God increase for him the beatitude of eternity and in our orisons and benediction may he happily remain for ever absolved from all his sins. But they who shall wish to infringe this our authority and immunity or shall bring together others for that purpose or shall with stolid endeavour plot to take away as well those things which in past times and our own have been given or in times to come will be given by the faithful or shall attempt to carry off any offerings either chalices, crosses, altar-cloths, holy books gold silver, or other kind whatever there collected or shall endow others with the property of this church or inflict violence upon the brethren thereof or unjustly vex them or shall try to tear away or overthrow this charter "and the charters of Kings or others of the faithful granted for the defence and tuition of this place them we consign to everlasting flames and eternal torments. We curse and excommunicate them. We close the "gates of Heaven to them, and their names shall be erased from the book of life and their portion be with Judas the Betrayer of the Lord, unless they come to their senses again and do penance by a three years sequestration from the communion of the brethren." +

+ I Oswald archbishop of the church of York have blessed the preservers of this bounty, but damned its gainsayers for ever, saying "May the Lord pour out his wrath upon them and may the fury of his anger lay hold of them on every side."

+ I Ælfstan bishop of the church of Rochester have commended the augmentors of this charter to the King of Kings, but have cursed its destroyers thus, saying "May death come upon them and may they go "down alive into hell."

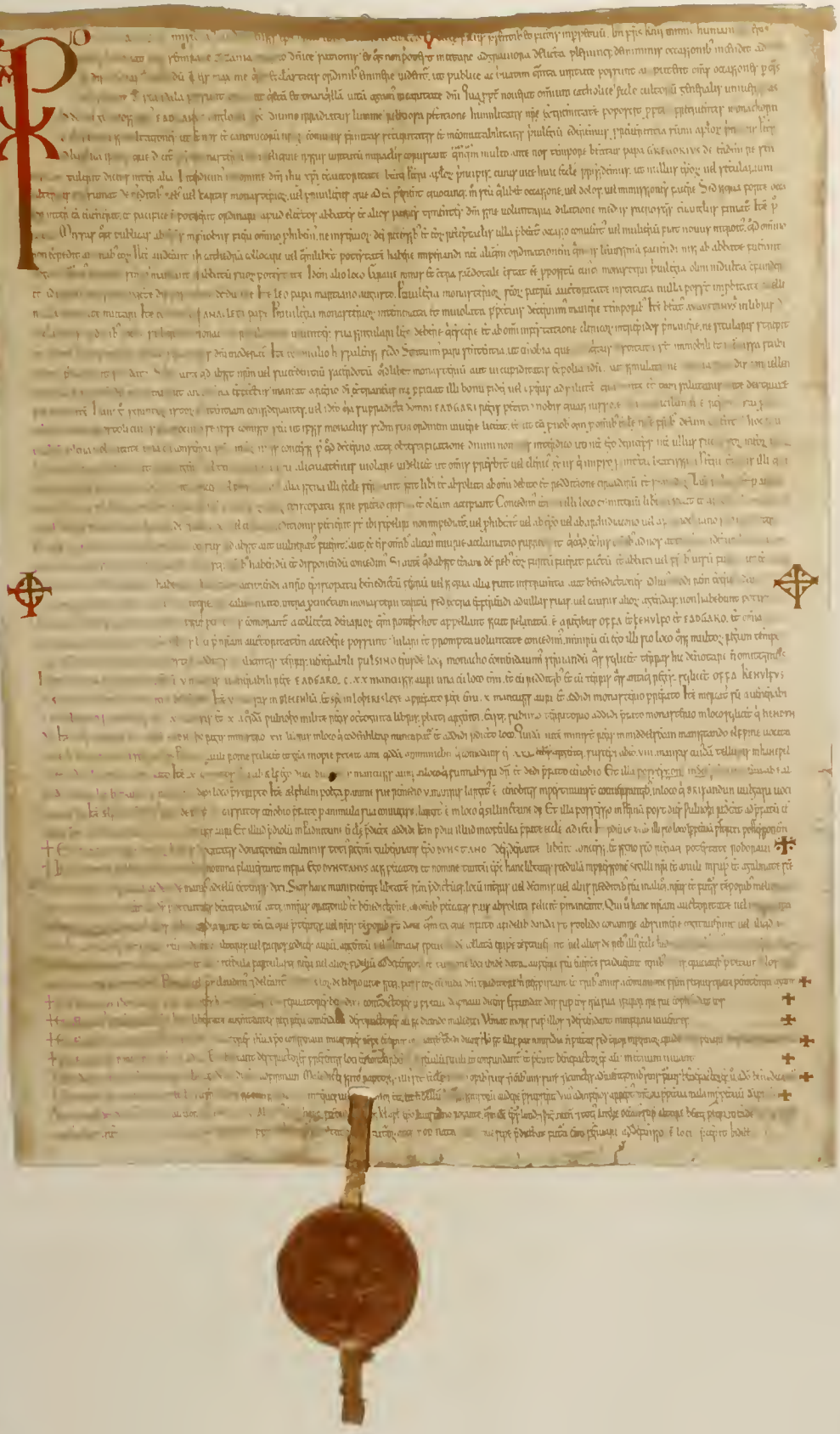
+ I Ælfeage bishop of the church of Winchester have committed the increasers of this place to Jesus Christ, but have given over its invaders to everlasting torments, saying "Let neither peace nor mercy nor pity "be shown unto them but let him suffer the terrors of hell, the barbarity of punishment, and the impiety of tortures."

+ I Æscwine bishop of the church of Dorchester have added this "May the destroyers of the present place blush and be perturbed and confounded and perish everlastingly but may its benefactors live for ever."

+ I Athulf bishop of the church of Hereford have confirmed the same, saying this "Cursed be the spoilers of this holy church in all their works and in all their ways and in all their crooked inventions but be its benefactors blessed by God."

+ I Æthelsine bishop of the church of Sherborne have thus concluded the above remarks "Whoever, be he high or low shall dare to presume anything sinister against this charter let him be violently hurried off alive into hell and be damned for ever in the midst of perpetual punishments."

In the year from the Incarnation of the Lord 959 and the 4th of the Reign of the glorious King Eadgar and in the second Induction, I Aldred abbot, on the Kalends of April, at the request of bishop Dunstan, wrote this charter, which he the same bishop of London and Worcester and also dean of all England laid upon the altar of the blessed Peter in the same church, which is known to have been consecrated by angelic hands, and there on account of the iniquities and dissensions of future ages and the unlooked for evils which he had often predicted would arise, he commanded it to be preserved for ever for the defence of the place



XI

V.

Datum &c. anno domini DCCCCLIX.

Carta Sancti Dunstani Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis de quibusdam privilegiis, libertatibus et possessionibus, confirmata ab apostolicis Johanne, Eugenio iii, bullis, Alexandro iii, Clemente iii, et multis aliis.

V.

Given &c. in the year of our Lord 959.

The Charter of St. Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, concerning certain privileges, liberties, and possessions, confirmed by Popes John, Eugenio iii, in 2 bulls, — Alexander III. — Clement III. — and many others.

VI.

EADGAR. A.D. 962.

✠ALTITHRONO in æternum regnante uniuersis sophiæ studium intento mentis conamine sedulo rimantibus liquido patescit quod huius uitæ periculis nimio ingruentibus terrore recidiuo terminus cosmi appropinquare dinoscitur ut meridiea christi promulgat sententia qua dicit. Surget gens contra gentem et regnum aduersus regnum et reliqua. Quam ob rem ego EADGAR totius brittanniæ basileus quandam ruris particulam · decem udelieet cassatos loco qui celebri uel SUNNANBYRIG nuncupatur uocabulo propinquo meo uibi oppido fideli qui ab huiusce patriæ gnosticis ELFHEH appellatur uocabulo · pro obsequio eius deuotissimo perpetua largitus sum hereditate ut ipse uita comite cum omnibus utensilibus pratis uideliect pascuis siluis uoti compos habeat et post uitæ suæ terminum quibuscumque uoluerit eleemosinis immunem derelinquat. Sit autem prediatum rus omni terrene seruitutis iugo liberum tribus exceptis rata uideliect expeditione pontis arcisue restauratione. Siquis igitur hanc nostram donationem in aliud quam constituimus transferre uoluerit priuatus consortio sanctæ dei ecclesiæ æternis barathri incendiis lugubris iugiter cum iuda christo proditore eiusque complicibus punatur si non satisfactione emendauerit congrua quod contra nostram deliquit decretum. His metis prefatum ros hinc inde giratur

Dis sindon þa land gemæro to sunnanbyrig. Erest on sunnan hyg þanon andlang strenmes on ermdan seypstead þanon ofer ða mæde on eelsbroc 7 lang broces on ða mearcelic 7 lang dices on hpæte dene norðeqeardre of hpæte dene on þa oðre mearcelic 7 lang dices on cottes hyrste pestepeardre of cottes hyrste on risemere of risemere on eadbryhtes hlæp of þam hlæpe on þone ellen stub Nonon on mearepill of mearepille on duddes byre of duddes byre on þone clofenan beorh of þam beorhge on sunnan hyg · 7 her hyrð to tynn gyrda of þere mæde to halgan forde 7 selce geare into sunnanbyrig of burhpada fiftig foðra pades 7 fiftig sriun mæsten.

Anno dominicæ incarnationis DCCCCLXII scripta est hæc carta his testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina notantur.

+ Ego eadgar rex anglorum concessi.	+ Ego æþelwold abbas.	+ Ego byrhtferð minister
+ Ego dunstan archiepiscopus corroborani.	+ Ego elfhere dux.	+ Ego elfpine minister.
+ Ego oscytel archiepiscopus confirmam.	+ Ego elfheah dux.	+ Ego æþelsige minister
+ Ego osulf episcopus consolidam.	+ Ego æþelstan dux.	+ Ego pulfhelm minister.
+ Ego byrhtelm episcopus acquieui	+ Ego æþelwold dux.	+ Ego æþelpine minister.
+ Ego oswold episcopus confirmui.	+ Ego beorhtnoð dux	+ Ego elfsige minister

VI.

EADGAR. A.D. 962.

✠THE Sitter on the throne on high, reigning for ever! It is clearly manifest to all those who earnestly exploit with attentive effort of the mind the study of wisdom, from the exceedingly violent and unexpected perils which assail this life that the end of the relapsing world is at hand as the truth telling sentence of Christ wherein he says "Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom" and so on proclaims. Wherefore I, Eadgar King of all Britain, have bestowed in perpetual inheritance a certain parcel of land, to wit, ten cassates in the place which is called by the famous name Sunbury, upon my very faithful kinsman who is called by the learned of this country by the name of Elfheh, for his very devoted service that he may have it during life with all utensils, to wit, meadows, pastures, woods, according to his wish and after the end of his life may leave it free to whatever heirs he may will. Moreover let the aforesaid land be free from all burden of land service three excepted to wit army service and the repair of bridge or castle. If any one therefore shall desire to transfer this our grant to any other purpose than we have appointed, let him, deprived of the communion of the holy church of God, be punished for ever in the eternal flames of Hell with Judas the betrayer of Christ and his accomplices unless he make amend with fitting satisfaction for his transgression against our decree. The aforesaid land is surrounded on either side by these bounds.

These are the land marks at Sunbury. First on Sun Hay thence along stream to Cindan slup stoll, thence over the meadow to Eccles brook along the brook to the marsh dike along the dike to Wheat dene northward, from Wheat dene to the other marsh dike, along the dike to Cottheyrst westward, from Cottesheyrst to Rushmere from Rushmere to Eadbryhtes lowe from the lowe to the elder stock thence to Mark well from Mark well to Duddes byre, from Duddes byre to the cloven barrow from the barrow to Sun Hay and hereto belongeth ten yardlands of the mead at Halfstool and each year at Sunbury from Burwood fifty fathes of wood and meet for fifty swine.

The charter is written in the year of the incarnation 962, these witnesses consenting whose names are noted beneath

+ I Eadgar King of the Angles have granted	+ I Athelwold Abbot	+ I Byrhtferth Thane
+ I Dunstan Archbishop have corroborated	+ I .Elfhere Duke	+ I .Elfwine Thane
+ I Oscytel Archbishop have confirmed	+ I .Elfheah Duke	+ I .Ethelsige Thane.
+ I Osulf Bishop have consolidated.	+ I .Ethelstan Duke	+ I Wulfhelm Thane
+ I Byrhtelm Bishop have acquiesced.	+ I Athelwold Duke	+ I .Ethelwine Thane
+ I Oswold Bishop have confirmed	+ I Beorhtnoth Duke.	+ I .Elfsige Thane.

PAtrichono matrimonium pregnante uniuersis sophie sacdotum interito multas conamine seculo primoribus
liquido patefecit quod huius uitae priuculis nimio insinuatrobus cthynopie precidium cthuminus corpori appropinqua
que dinoscatur ut uidelicet xpi proinulgat scriptura qua dicit Surgite gthy conquaschatin et pignum aduehitur pregnum
et pit Quam ob rem ego EADGAR totius brittanniae basileus quandam puius paratulam decem uidelicet
cassatos loco qui celebri et SVHHANBYRIG nuncupatur uocabulo propinquo meo mihi oppido fideli quiab
huiusce patriae gnostacis ELTHEH appellatur uocabulo pro obsequio eius [illegible] assimo perpetua largitur sum
heredibus ut ipse uita comite cum omnibus utilitibus primo uidelicet pascuis silui uoracompor habeat et post uitae
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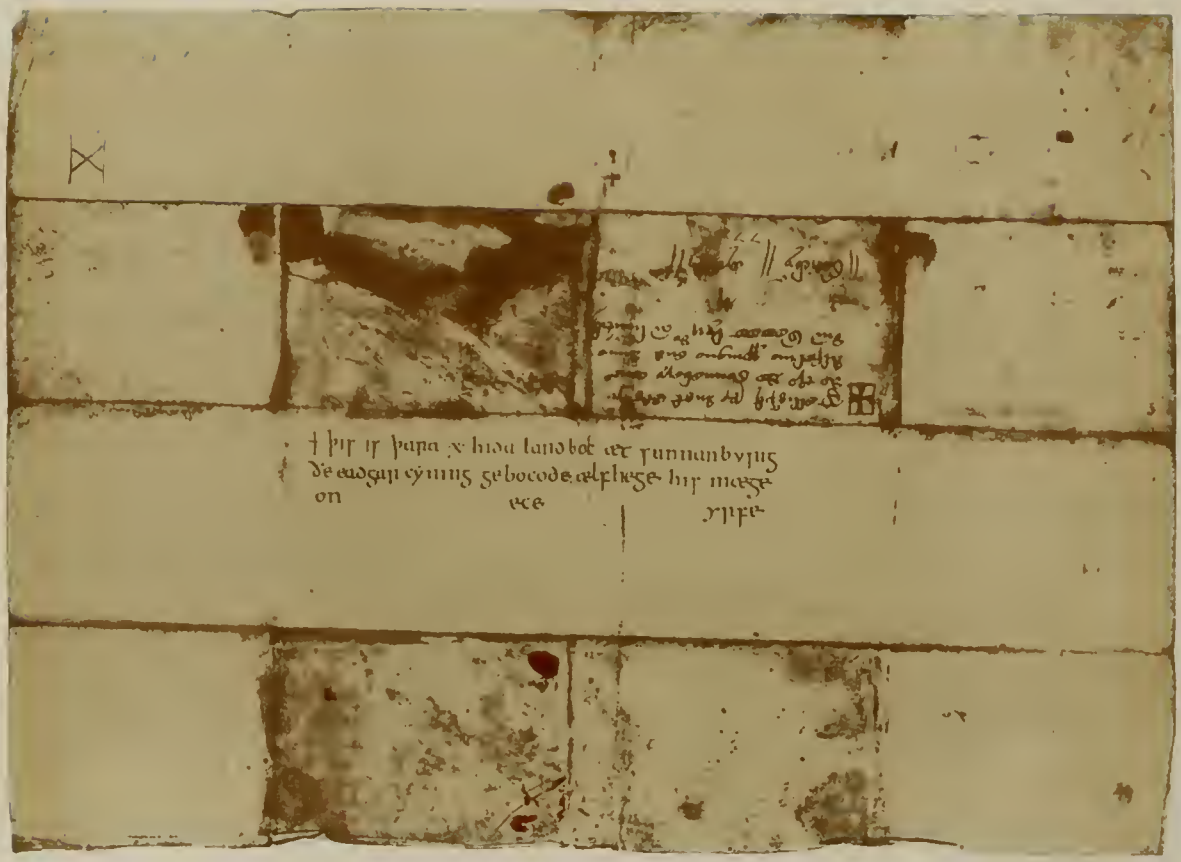
Anno dominice incarnationis. DCCCLXII. Supra est haec carta hic assabuit conthabiab quorum in ethuir nomina notantur

† Ego eadgar	rex anglorum	concessi	† Ego aethelolo	abb'	† Ego byrhtrthid'	ín
† Ego dunstan	archi	eps	confirmauit	† Ego aethelwin	dux	† Ego aelfrine	ín
† Ego oswytel	archi	eps	confirmauit	† Ego aethelgar	dux	† Ego aethelrise	ín
† Ego osulf	eps	consolidauit	† Ego aethelstan	dux	† Ego pulchelm	ín
† Ego byrhtelm	eps	adquieuit	† Ego aethelolo	dux	† Ego aethelpine	ín
† Ego oswolo	eps	confirmauit	† Ego beghthnod'	dux	† Ego aelfsige	ín



VI

✠ þis is þara · X · hida land boc æt sunnanbýrig Se eadgar cýning gebocade ælfhege his mæge on ece ȝrife

Telligrapha Regis Anglorum Eadgari de terra de Sonnebery concessa Alfelmo propinquo suo anno Domini DCCCCLXII cum limitibus.

Sonebery. Middelsexia.

VI.

This is the land-deed of the 10 hides at Sunbury that King Eadgar registered to Ælfhege his kinsman in perpetual inheritance

The land-deed of Eadgar King of the Angles of the land of Sunbury granted to Alfelm his kinsman in the year of our Lord 962 with the boundaries

Sunbury Middlesex.

VII.

EADGAR.

Se fruma þæs þe mon forstiel æcne þimman · æt iecesleca ælfsige byrhsiges suna · þarþif hatte se þimman · þa befeng ælfsige þone mann æt þulfstane þulfgares fæder · þa týmde þulfstan hine to æþelstane æt sunnanbyrg · þa cende he tem · ⁊ let þone forberstan · ⁊ forbeh þone andagan · æfter þam hæd ælfsige ægiftes his mannes · ⁊ he hine agef ⁊ forgeald him mid þram þundum þa had byrhferð caldormann æþelstan hys þer · for þam tem býrste · þa cþæð æðelstan þe he næfde him to sýllanne · þa cleopode eadþeard æðelstanes broðor ⁊ cþæð · ic · hæbbe sunnanburges hoc ðe unere yldran me læfdon · ket me þa land to handa ic agife þinne þer ðam cýnge · þa cþæð æðelstan þe him leofre þære þe hit to fýre oððe flode geþurfe · þonne he hit æfre gebide · þa cþæð eadþeard hit is þyrse þe uncer maðer hit næbbe · þa þæs þe spa · ⁊ forbead byrhferð þe land æðelstan · ⁊ he of ferde ⁊ gebeh under þulfgare æt norð heðum · binnan ðam þendun geþyrda · ⁊ gepat eadræd cýng · ⁊ feng eadþg to rice · ⁊ þende æðelstan hine eft into sunnanbyrg · ungebetra þinga · þa geahsode þe eadþig cýng · ⁊ gesealde þe land býrnrice · ⁊ he feng to · ⁊ þearp æðelstan at · gemæng þam getidde þe mýrce geeuran eadgar to cynge · ⁊ him aspeald gesealdan ealra cýne rihta · þa gesohte æðelstan eadgar cýng ⁊ hæd domes þa æt demdon him mýrena þitan land buton he his þer agulde þam cýnge spa he oðrum ær seeolde · þa næfde he hþanon ne he hit eadþeardе his breðer geðafian nolde · þa gesealde se cýng · ⁊ gebette þe land æðelstane caldormenn to hæbbenne · ⁊ to sýllanne for life · ⁊ for legere þam him leofost þære · æfter þam getidde þe eegferð gebohte boc · land æt æðelstane caldormenn · on cýnges geþitnesse · ⁊ his þitena spa his gemedo þæron · hæfde ⁊ bræc oð his ende · þa betæhte eegferð on halre tungan · land ⁊ boc on cýnges geþitnesse dunstane arcebiscepe to mundgenne his lafe · ⁊ his bearne þa he geendod þæs þa rad se biscop to þam cýnge myngude þære munde ⁊ his geþitnesse · þa cþæð se cýng him to andspare minc þitan habbað æt recðe eegferð calle his are · þurh þe spyrd þe hum on hýþe hangode þa he adrane nam þa se cýng ða are þe he ahte · XX · hyda æt sendan · X · æt sunnanbyrg · ⁊ forgef ælfhege caldormenn · þa beod se biscop his þer þam cýnge · þa cþæð se cýng · þe mihte þeon geboden him þæ clænum legere · ac ic hæbbe calle þa spræce to ælfhege þæten. Þæs on sýxtan gere gebohte se arcebiscop æt ælfhege caldormenn þe land æt sendan mid · XC · þundum · ⁊ æt sunnanbyrg mid CC. mancussan · goldes · unbecepdene · ⁊ unforbodene þæt ænene mann to þære dæg tide · ⁊ he hum spa þa land geagnian derr · spa hium se sealde ðe to sýllenne ahte · ⁊ hi þam se cýng sealde · spa hi him his þihtan gerehton.

VII.

EADGAR.

The beginning was that a man stole a woman at Ickslcy from Ælfsig, Byrhag's son. Thurwif was the woman called. Then Ælfsig took the man at Wulfstan's, Wulfgar's father. Then Ælfsig cited him to Æthelstan at Sunbury. Then he acknowledged the summons and let it fall and set aside the appointed day. After that Ælfsig demanded the restitution of his man and he gave him up and repaid him with two pounds. Then Byrhferth the caldorman demanded his wer from Æthelstan for the failure of the summons. Then said Æthelstan that he had nothing to give him. Then spake out Eadweard, Æthelstan's brother, and said: I have Sunbury's deed that our two parents left me, let me have the land in hand; I will pay thy wer to the King. Then said Æthelstan that he were liefer that it should come to fire or flood than he should ever abide it. Then said Eadweard: "It is worse that neither of us two should have it." Then it was so, and Byrhferth forbade the land to Æthelstan and he went forth and abode under Wulfgar at North Halla. In the mean time fortune changed, and King Eadred departed and King Eadwig took to the kingdom and Æthelstan wended hitherward again into Sunbury, affairs being unimproved. Then King Eadwig inquired into them and gave the land to Byrnric and he took to it and cast Æthelstan out. In the meantime it befel that the Mercians chose Eadgar as King and gave him power over all royal rights. Then Æthelstan sought King Eadgar and asked for judgment. Then the Mercian council judged the land from him unless he paid his wer to the King as he had already taken obliged to the other. Then said he not whence wer would he permit it to Eadweard his brother. Then the King gave and restored the land to Æthelstan caldorman to have and to give for life and for death to him whom he were liefest. After that it befel that Egferth bought deed and land from Æthelstan caldorman by testimony of the King and his council, as his needs were, he had and enjoyed till his end. Then Egferth in plain language delivered over land and deed, the King witnessing, to Archbishop Dunstan as guardian of his widow and his children. When he was dead then the bishop rode to the King and reminded him of the guardianship and his witnessing. Then said the King to him in answer: "My council have deprived Egferth of all his property through the world that hung on his hip when he drowned himself." Then the King took the property that he owned, 20 hides at Send and 10 at Sunbury and gave it to Ælfhelm caldorman. Then the bishop asked for his wer from the King. Then said the King: "That might be commanded to him if he had died a clean death but I have left all the suit to Ælfhelm." In the sixth year thence the Archbishop bought of Ælfhelm caldorman the land at Send with 90 pounds and at Sunbury with 200 mancuses of gold unbequeathed to and uninfolded by any man to that day's tide. And he dared to possess the land, as he gave it to him who owned it to give, and the King gave it to him as his council had decreed.

Se þrima þæt þ mon þon þæl ænne þriman. æt hecet lea ælfrige byrhtriges suna. þurfte hæræ to þrymman. þu be þæm ælfrige þone mann æt þulfstane þulfgarnes þæden. þa cymde þulfstan
hine to æþelstane æt þunnan byrig. þu cende he cem. ⁊ let þone þon beriran. ⁊ þon beh þone andgæt. æfter þam bad ælfrige ærfæst hit mannes. ⁊ he hine ærest ⁊ þon gealdo him mad cyran pundum.
þa bad byrhtferð aldor mann æþelstan hyt þeru. þon þam cem byrhtre. þa quæð æþelstan þ he wolde him to þyllanne. þa cleopode eadþeard æþelstanes brodor. ⁊ cqæð. ic. hebbe þunnan
boriget boc. se uncre yldran me lefdon. lætæ me þ land to handa. ic agre þinne þeru. þa quæð æþelstan þ him leofre þere þ hit to þyne ælde þlode ge þurde. þonne he hæf
ge bide. þa quæð eadþeard hit ne þynre. þ uncer nan hit nebbe. þa þæt þ þu þæt bæd þyn. quæð þ land æþelstane. ⁊ he of þende ⁊ se beh inden þulfgare æt norð haliam. bunnan
pendum ge þynda. ⁊ se þæt eadþard cyng. ⁊ þæs eadþis to þice. ⁊ þende æþelstan hine eft into þunnan. ⁊ ungebæra hinga. þæs ahsode þ eadþis cyng. ⁊ se þealde þ land bynnice. ⁊ he þæs to
reaþ æþelstan ut. ge mæg þam ge ædde þ mynte ge cuman eadgar to cynge. ⁊ him ætþeald ge þealdan æþæl cyne þuhten. þæs þolice æþelstan eadgar cyng. ⁊ bad domes. þa æt dondon him mynena.
þæm land bucon he hit þer agulde þam cynge. ⁊ þa he odþam eft þealde. þa nædde he hit þunnan. ⁊ he hit eadþeard hit bridert ge darian nolde. þæs þealde þe cyng. ⁊ se bette þ land æþelstan
aldor mann. to hæbbenne. to þyllanne þon þæt. ⁊ þon lefde þam him leofre þunnan. æfter þæs ge ædde þ ærfæst ge bolhte boc. ⁊ land æt æþelstane aldor mann. on cynges ge þrienesse. ⁊ hit
þrienia. ⁊ þa hit ge medo þæron. hæfde ⁊ bræcæd hit ende. [illegible] æfter þæs ge [illegible] land. ⁊ boc on cynges ge þrienesse. þæs þæt he ge endeo þæt þa þæd ge bræcæd to þam cynge. mynende þæte munde. ⁊ hit ge þrienesse. þa quæð þe cyng him to andþare. mine þrian habbia æt þæd ærfæste alle hit æræ. þurh þ
he him on hyre hangode. þa he aþæne. nam þæte cyng. þa æræ þe he ahte. xx. hyda æt þendan. æt þunnan byrig. ⁊ þon gef ælfhere aldor mann. þa bead þe bræcæd hit þeru. þam cynge. þa quæð
þe cyng. þ mihte beon ge boden him þid þæræm lesene. ac ic hebbe alle þa þræce to ælfhere lærer. þæt on þystan gere. ge bolhte þe æræ bræcæd. æt ælfhere aldor mann. þ land æt þendun
mæd. xc. þundum. ⁊ æt þunnan byrig mid. cc. mancuþun golder. un be ceðenie. ⁊ un þon bodenes. þid alene mann to þæne dæg æte. ⁊ he him þa þa land ge agman deþt. ⁊ þa hum þe þealde æ
þyllenne ahte. ⁊ in þam þe cyng þealde. ⁊ þa hi hæf hit þrian ge þelæcon.

VII.

Sunnanburga talu

Sunnanburge.

Sonebury. Middlesexui

✠Carta de terra de Sende et Sonnebiri ꝛc̃ quam emit Rex Edgarus et postea alii emerunt ut patet infra quam postea tenuit Alfelmus propinquus Regis Edgari sub testimonio.

VII

The tale of Sunbury

Sonebury Middlesex.

Charter of the land of Send and Sunbury &c. which King Eadgar bought and afterwards others bought as appears below, which afterwards King Eadgar kinsman Alselm held under witness

VIII.

EADGAR. A.D. 967.

✠ ANNO ab incarnatione domini nostri ihesu christi DCCCCLXVII Ego eadgar rex et primicherius totius albionis ruris quandam particulam cassato et semisse estimatam hoc est dimidiam partem terre illius in ecclesiadune liberam preter arcem pontem expeditionem dunstano archiepiscopo in ius perseuerabile libenter admodum largitus sum quatinus bene perfruatur · seu largatur in uita uel post obitum cuicumque sibi placuerit · hanc etenim terre dimidiam partem quidam laicus nomine eadwold per publicum perdidit latrocinium et sic reputata est regis in dominium. Hi sunt termini qui cingunt totam terram in ecclesiadune sed non pertinet episcopo nisi huius pars dimidia. (Erest on bradan lege þanne on beonningham · þanne on ecolling brunan þanne on stigham · þanon on fern ham þeoterdune þanon on hlosham suþeardne þat land to þære mearce 7 þa cilling hop 7 swenget hyrst. Hi sunt testes consentanei quorum inferius nomina pro roboramine carcauari uidentur.

✠ Ego eadgar rex hoc donum signo sancte crucis confirmani.
✠ Ego osuald archiepiscopus signo crucis corroborani.
✠ Ego ælfeold episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego alfwold episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego eadhelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego byrhthelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ælfhere dux consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ælfheah dux consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego wulfstan minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego eanulf minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ælfsige minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego alfwold minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ælfhelm minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego wulfric minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego eadred minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ælfheah minister consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego alfwold minister consensi et subscripsi.

VIII.

EADGAR. A.D. 967.

✠ IN the year from the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 967, I, Eadgar, King and chief of all Albion, have cheerfully fully bestowed upon archbishop Dunstan, to perseverant right, free except as to castle, bridge and expedition, a certain parcel of land, estimated at a cassate and a half, that is the half part of that land in Ecclesadune that he may well enjoy it during life or bestow it after death, upon whomsoever it may please him; for a certain layman named Eadwold, for public larceny lost this half part of land, and so it reverts to be in the King's demesne. These are the boundaries which gird the whole land in Ecclesadune but only the half part of this belongs to the bishop. First, on Bradley, then on Beonningham; then on Cealling brun; then on Stigham then on Fernham westward, then on Hlosham southward, the land at the mark and two cilling hoop and Swenget hyrst.

These are the agreeing witnesses whose names are seen written beneath in confirmation.

✠ I Eadgar king have confirmed this gift with the sign of the holy cross.
✠ I Oswald archbishop have corroborated with the sign of the cross.
✠ I Athelwold bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Alfwold bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Eadhelm bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Byrhthelm bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Elfhere duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Elfheah duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wulfstan thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Eanulf thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Elfsige thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Alfwold thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Elfhelm thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wulfric thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Eadred thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Elfheah thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Alfwold thane have consented and subscribed.

†Anno ab incarnatione dñi nr̄i ihū xp̄i. dccccl xum Ego eadgar rex totius britannie totum al
bionis iuxta quandam particulam cassato ac emisse et manucatam hoc est dimidiam partem
terre illius insulae dune liberam priscis aliquem portam expeditionem diuitiarum christi ꝓ
minus pertinentibus libenter admodum largitus sum quatinus bene perfruatur. seu largiat
mutare uel porro obtinere cuicumque sibi placuerit. hanc ergo terre dimidiam partem quidam
laicus nomine eadwold per publicum perdidit latrocinium. et sic peruasata est per gr indominu
hi sunt termini qui cingunt totam terram insulae dune. ꝓ non pertinent episcopo nisi hinc
parti dimidia. Et per on bryadan leg. hanne on beorningham. hanon eadlinge hrunan. hanne on ræs ham hanon on
fern ham peterpone. hanon on hlofham tuhepepone. hæ-lond to hagne mapice. -tapa alling hop. ysenge hynge.
hi sunt termini contentanei. quorum imperitus nomina prio roborantur carta axari uideratur.

†Ego eadgar rex hoc donum ꝓ ꝓ ꝓ ꝓ confirmauit.

†Ego oswald archi episcopus signo crucis corroborauit.

†Ego athelwold episcopus consensi et subscripsi

†Ego alfwold episcopus cons et subs.
†Ego eadhelm episcopus cons et subs.
†Ego brynthelm episcopus cons et subs.
†Ego ælfhere dux consensi et subs.
†Ego ælfheah dux consensi et subs.
†Ego wulfstan ministeri cons et subs.
†Ego eanulf ministeri cons et subs.

†Ego ælfrige ministeri consensi et subs.
†Ego alfwold ministeri consensi et subs.
†Ego ælfhelm ministeri consensi et subs.
†Ego wulfric ministeri consensi et subs.
†Ego eadwerd ministeri consensi et subs.
†Ego ælfheah ministeri consensi et subs.
†Ego alfwold ministeri consensi et subs.

VII

Helewedune.

Helewedune.

VIII.

KELEWEDUNE

CHELEWEDUNE.

Carta Regis Eadgari de manerio de Keleuedone sancto dunstano concesso.

VIII

KELEWEDUNE

CHELEWEDUNE

Charter of King Eadgar of Keleuedone granted to St Dunstan.

IX.

EADWARD. [A.D. 1042. 50.]

✠ EADWARD kyng gret · Edsi arcebiscop · 7 Godwine biscop on rouuancestre · 7 leofwine eorll on kent 7 Esgar stallere · 7 Rodbert wimarche sunu stallere · 7 calle mine þegnas on kent freondlice. Ic cýðe eow þe ic wille þe þæt cotlif leosne þe Etsere ahte · 7 he eþeð criste 7 sancte petre into westmynstre ligge nu Siðer inn to ðæra munneca fodan · into callum ðæra þingum þe þærto hýreð on wude · 7 on felde on mæde · 7 on þæterre 7 on calle oðre þingum scot freo · 7 gafel freo · on scire · 7 on hundrede · swa ful 7 swa forð · swa he hit sancte petre be eþeð 7 ic ðes fullice geðe · 7 ic nelle nateshwon geðafian þe þær ænig mann ænigne onstýng habbe on ænigum þingum oðre on ænigum timan buton se abbod · 7 ða gebroðra to ðes mynstres nýtwurdliere þearfe 7 ic unn þe sancte petre habbe ofer ðam saca 7 socna toll · 7 teom · infangenepeof · 7 calle oðre gerihte þe to me belimpaþ. God eow gehealde · 7 sancte petres holde.

IX.

EADWARD A.D. 1042. 50.

✠ EADWARD King greets Edsi archbishop and Godwine Bishop in Rochester and Leofwine earl in Kent and Esgar the Staller and Robert Winarche's son the Staller and all my thanes in Kent friendly. I tell you that I will that the will, Leofsine, that Etsere owned and bequeathed to Christ and St. Peter in Westminster, may now lie therein for the food of the monks, with all things that thereto belong, in wood and in field, in meadow and in water, and in all other things, scot free and gavel free, in shire and in hundred, as he to St Peter bequeathed it and I have given this fully and I will on no account permit that any man have any authority there, in any things or at any times, except the abbot and the brotherhood for the useful requirements of the minster: and I grant that St. Peter have, besides that, sac and soc, tol and team, infangenethef, and all other rights that to me belong. May God preserve you and St. Peter's hold.

X.

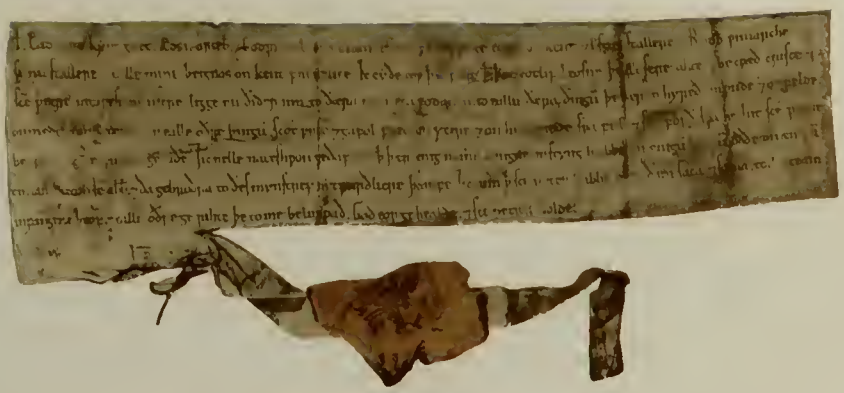
EADWARD. A.D. 1051. 66.

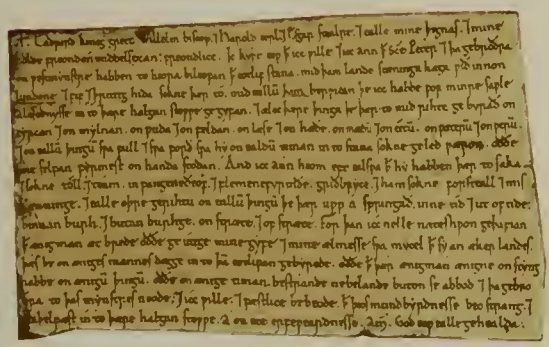
✠ EADWARD kineg grett Willelm biscop 7 Harold eorl 7 Esgar stealre · 7 calle mine þegnas 7 mine holda freond ón middelsexan: freondlice. Ic kýþe eow þe ice wille · 7 ice unn þe Sancte Peter 7 þa gebroðra oo westmýnstre habben to heora bileofan þe cotlif stana mid þam landa stæninga haga þiðð innon lundone · 7 fif 7 þrittig hida sokne þær tó mid callum þinn berpican þe ice habbe for minre saple alesednýsse in to þære halgan stowe gegýfan · 7 swice þære þinga þe þær tó mid rihte ge býraþ ón eýrean 7 on mýlnan on þuda 7 on feldan · on þæse 7 on hæðe on mædum 7 on ðítum · on þæterum 7 on þerum · 7 on callum þingum swa full 7 swa forð swa hy on ealdum timan in to stana sokne geléd þæron · oðre me selfan fýrmest on hando stodan. And ice unn heom eft ealswa þe hý habben þær tó saka 7 sokne · tóll 7 téam infangeneðeof · 7 flemeneýrnðe · griðbryce 7 ham sokne forsteall 7 miskænninge 7 calle oþre gerihtu on callum þingum þe þær úpp a springaþ · inne tid · 7 ut of tide binnan burh · 7 butan burhge · on stræte · 7 of stræte · For þán fec nelle nateshwón geþéfian · þe ænig man aet brede oðre geútige minre gyfe 7 minre selmesse swa mycel þe sy an æker landes · þæs þe on æniges mannes dægge in to þam cotlifan gebýrede · oðre þe þáer ænig mán ænigne onstýng habbe on ænigum þingum · oðre on ænige timan · be strande ne be lande · buton se abbod 7 þa gebroðra to þas mýnstres neode; 7 fec wille · 7 fæstlice beboede · þe þeos mundbýrdnesse beo strang 7 staþelfæst ín to þære halgan stowe · á on éce erfewardnesse. Amen. God eow calle gehealda.

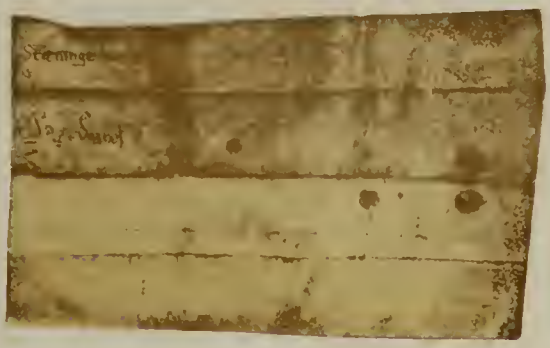
X.

EADWARD A.D. 1051 66.

✠ EADWARD King greets William bishop and Harold earl and Esgar staller and all my thanes and my trusty friends in Middlesex friendly. I tell you that I will and I grant that St. Peter and the brotherhood in Westminster have to their sustenance the vill, Stanas, with the land Stæning bay within London and five and thirty hides soc thereto with all the betewecks that I have given for my soul's redemption to that holy place and all the things that thereto with right belong, in churches and in mills, in wood and in fields, in pasture and in heath, in meadows and in aits, in water and in weirs, and in all things as full and as free as they in old times were had in Stane's soc or first stood to myself in hand. And I give them, also again, that they have thereto sac and socne, toll and team, infangenethef and flemenefurth, grithbryce and hamsokne, forstall and miskenning, and all other rights in all things that there spring up in tide and out of tide within burgh and without burgh, in street and off street. Because I will on no account suffer that any man take away or cast my gift and my alms, be it so much as an acre of land of that which in any man's day belongs to the vill, or that any man have any authority there in any things or in any times by strand nor by land, except the abbot and the brotherhood for the minster's need, and I will and firmly bid that this protection be strong and steadfast for the holy place, aye, in eternal inheritance. Amen. God preserve you all.







IX.

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XI

EADWARD. A.D. 1053-66.

✠EADþARD cynge gret leofþine biscope 7 eadþine eorl 7 calle mine þeignes on steffordscire freondlice · 7 ic kýþe eow þe ic habbe gegifan criste 7 sancte þetre into westmunstre þæt land æt þertune 7 æle þæra þinga þæs þe þær inn to herð · on þuda · 7 on feldu mid saca 7 mid socna swa full 7 swa forð · swa hit me sýlfan on handa stod on callan þingan · þan abbude to bigleofan 7 þam gebroþran þe binnan þam mynstre þuniað 7 ic nelle nane men geþafian þe þær geutige ænig þæra þinga þæs þe þær in to hýrð God eow calle gehealde

XI.

EADWARD. A.D. 1053-66.

✠EADWARD King greets Leofwine bishop and Eadwine earl and all my thanes in Staffordshire friendly and I tell you that I have given to Christ and St Peter at Westminster the land at Pertune and all of the things that there into belong, in woods and fields, with sac and with socne, as full and as free as it stood to myself in hand, in all things, to feed the abbot and the brotherhood that dwell within the minster, and I will not permit any man to oust any of the things that there into belong God preserve you all.

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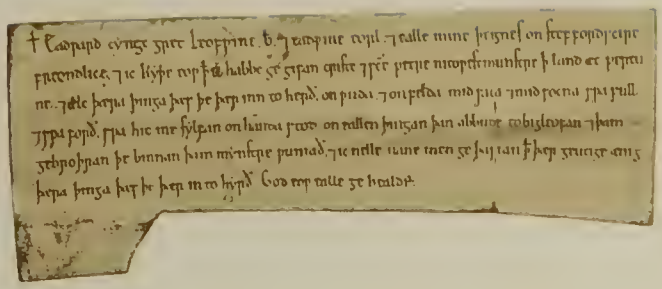

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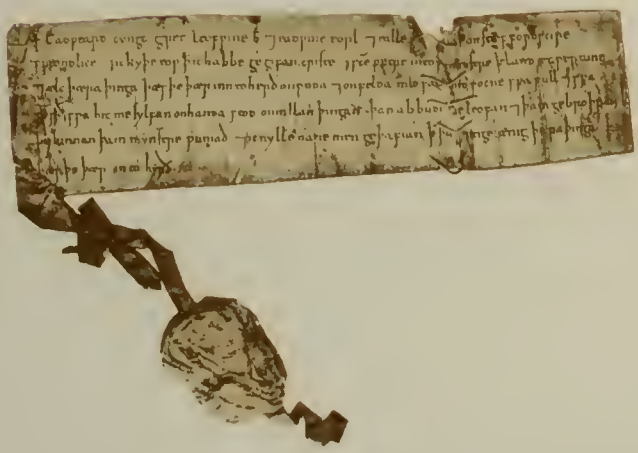

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XIII.

EADWARD. A.D. 1053. 66.

✠EADÞARD Kýnge gret pulfri bisceop 7 norðman scirgerefan 7 ælfpine mercefinnes sunu 7 calle mine þeignes on hamtunscire freondlice 7 ic kýþe eop þe ic habbe gegifen criste 7 sancte petre into pestmýnstre Rotcland 7 call þo þær to herð mid saca 7 mid socne mid tolle 7 mid teame 7 on callan Þingan · spa full · 7 spa forð · spa hit me silfan on handa stod 7 ic ann þe eadgiþ seo hiefdige hit on hand habbe spa lange spa heo libbe · 7 ælce gære þe munster þarc of gegodige. God eop gehealde.

XIII.

EADWARD. A.D. 1053. 66.

✠EADWARD King greet Wulfwi bishop and Northman sheriff and Ælfwine Mercefinne's son and all my thanes in Hamptonshire friendly, and I tell you that I have given to Christ and St Peter in Westminster, Rutland and all that thereto belongeth with sac and with socne, with toll and with team, and in all things as full and as free as it stood to myself in hand, and I grant that Eadgith the lady have it on hand as long as she lives, and each year endow the minster there out of God preserve.

XIV.

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADÞEARD cýnge gret þel mine · bysceopes 7 abbodes 7 calle mine þegenes on þigerecastrescire · 7 on gleacestrescire freondlice · 7 ic kýþe eop þe ic habbe ge gýfen criste 7 sancte petre into þest mýnstre þa land persoeran 7 deor hýrsta · 7 call þe þær to herð mid saca 7 mid socna mid tolle 7 mid teame on stræte 7 of stræte on þade 7 on felde 7 on callan þingan · spa ful 7 spa forþ spa hit me sylfan fýrþmest on handa stod 7 ic nolle þa þær æni mann ænig onstýnge habbe · butan se abbod 7 þa gebroðra to sancte petres mæle 7 godes bletsunga sýo mid ælc þara manna þe seo hold into þam halgan mynstre.

XIV.

EADWARD [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADWARD King greet well my bishops and abbots and all my thanes in Worcestershire and in Gloucestershire friendly; and I tell you that I have given to Christ and St Peter in Westminster the land of Pershore and Deerhurst and all that thereto belongeth, with sac and with socne, with toll and with team, in street and off street, in wood and in field, and in all things as full and as free as it first stood to myself in hand, and I will not that any man have any authority there, except the abbot and the brotherhood for St Peter's need; and God's blessing be with each of those men who is faithful in the holy minster

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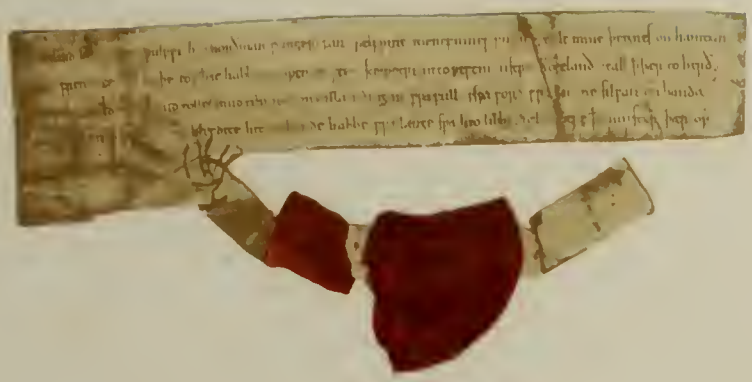

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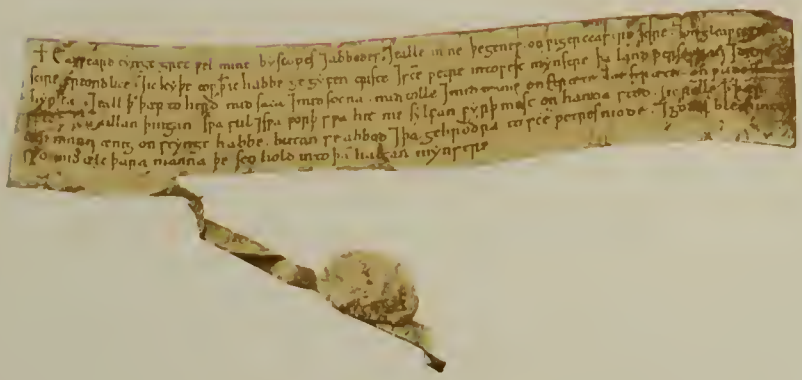

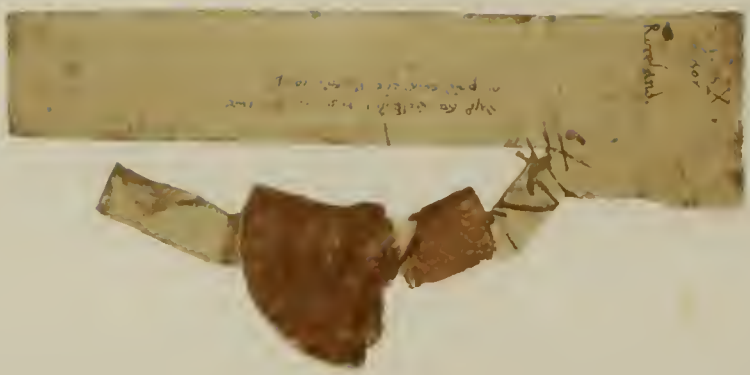

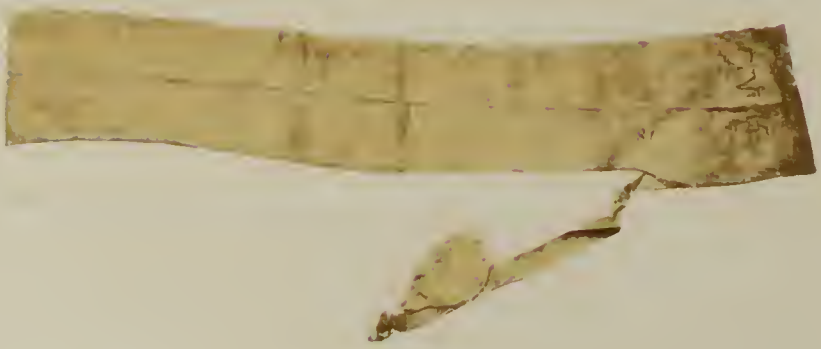

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ROTELAND.

Carta Sancti Edwardi Regis de Roteland cum pertinentiis suis ecclesie Westmonasteriensi concesso.

XIII.

RUTLAND

Charter of St. Edward the King of Rutland with its appurtenances granted to the church of Westminster.

XIV

Perscora. Deorhcorsta.

XIV.

Pershore Deerhurst

XV

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADPARD kyng [illegible] neæstre ⁊ pulfpold · abbod on rýrteæne 7 leafpyne e [illegible] 7 tosti huskarll ⁊ eal . . [illegible] dreie sýmle ða ðe hood to cumene · calsæ ða ðe nu sýn . . [illegible] Net þe plott landes æt Cheigate . . ge nu heononford inn to sancte petre æt pestmýnstre mid alle ðere þang [illegible] . into ðam þriddan treope on kýngesgade on ditune 7 into ðam þriddan æere ; into alle ðere þridde ny . . [illegible] on pude 7 on felde · on hese · 7 on æuesæ on meriscæ ⁊ on mæduen · on peren ⁊ on pætere · scot fri · 7 gafoll fri o . [illegible] t of danegeldæ · 7 of calles cýnnes Singe · spa full · ⁊ spa ford 7 spa freo · spa Tosti eorll ⁊ heofrun his rif min foster moder · hit . . . . ⁊ Sider inn he cpæðen on eæ ýrfde · 7 ic ðes fullice gende for minre saule ⁊ for hiere · 7 for calle epken · ⁊ for calle deaden to alesen . . . . . 7 ic ann heom ðer ofer sakæ · ⁊ socne · toll · 7 team infangenefeof · blodpite · 7 pearpite hamsoene 7 forsteall 7 calle ða oðre gerihte ðe to me belimpad. God eop calle gehealde sancte petres holde.

XV.

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADWARD King [illegible] neæstre and Wulfæold Abbot of Cyrteæne and Leofwine e [illegible] and Tosti huscarle and all [illegible] dreie alway those that are to come also those that now are [illegible] that the plot lands at Chengate [illegible] now henceforth in to St. Peter at Westminster in all of the things [illegible] in to the third tree in King's wood in Dutton and in to the third field and in to each of the third ny [illegible] in wood and in field, in pasture and in fenne, in marshes and in meadows, in weirs and in water- scot free and gavel free of . . . . . and of danegeld, and of all royal oblations, as full and as free as Tosti earl and Leofrun his wife my foster-mother [illegible] it and thither bequeathed it in perpetual inheritance, and I have given this fully for my soul's redemption and for hers, and for those of all the quick and of all the dead, and I grant them moreover sac and socne, toll and team, infangenethef, blodwite and wearwete, hamsoene and forestcall, and all the other rights that to me belong. God preserve you and St. Peter's hold!

XVI.

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADPARD kyng gret . [illegible] e biscopes · ⁊ mine eorlas · 7 calle mine þegnas on þam scyra þær Sancte Peter into þestmýnstre [illegible] inne 7 menn · freondlice · ⁊ ic kýðe eop þe ic hæbbe gegyfen hym on ealdan hýs lande sacn 7 socne · toll 7 team · infangenefeof ⁊ flymenefermþe · grýðbrice ⁊ hamsoene · ⁊ forestealle · 7 calle oðre gerihte inne tid 7 ut of tid binnan burh 7 butan burh · on stræte 7 of stræte · spa full 7 spa ford spa · hi me sýlfon fýrmest on handan stodon · 7 ic nelle geþafian · þe ænig mann habbe ænigne onsting ofer hýs land ne ofer hýs menn be strande ne be lande ne on þuda ne on felda buton se abbod 7 þa gebroðra to Ðæs mýnstres neode. God eop alle gehealde Amen.

XVI.

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADWARD King greet . . . . bishops and my earls and all my thanes in the shires wherein St. Peter in Westminster [illegible] and men, friendly, and I tell you that I have given him on all his land [illegible] ne and socne toll and team, infangenethef and flymenefermthe gridbrice and hamsoene and forestcal, and all other rights, in tide and out of tide within burgh and without burgh, on street and off street as full and as free as they first stood to my self in hand, and I will not permit that any man have any authority over his land nor over his men, by strand nor by land nor in woods nor in fields, except the abbot and the brotherhood for the minster's need. God preserve you all. Amen.

XVII

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADPARD cinge grett þel mine biscopes · 7 mine eorlas 7 calle mine þegnas on þam sciran Ðær sancte peter hafaþ land inne 7 eadgne abbod freondlice ⁊ ic kýþe eop þe ic hæbbe gegifen him saca ⁊ socne · toll 7 team · grýþbrýce 7 hamsoene · ⁊ forestcal · inne tid 7 ut of tid binnan burh 7 butan · spa full 7 spa ford spa hit mesýlfan on handa stod · 7 ic nelle geðafian þæt æni man habbe ænigne onstýne ofer his land ne ofer his men be strande ne be lande butan se abbod to þæs mýnstres neode. God eop gehealde.

XVII

EADWARD. [A.D. 1066.]

✠EADWARD King greet well all my bishops and my earls, and all my thanes in the shires wherein St. Peter hath land and Eadwine Abbot friendly, and I tell you that I have given to him sac and socne toll and team, gritbrice and hamsoene and forestcal, in tide and out of tide, within burgh and without, as full and as free as it stood to my self in hand, and I will not permit that any man have any authority over his land, by strand nor by land, except the Abbot for the minster's need. God preserve you.

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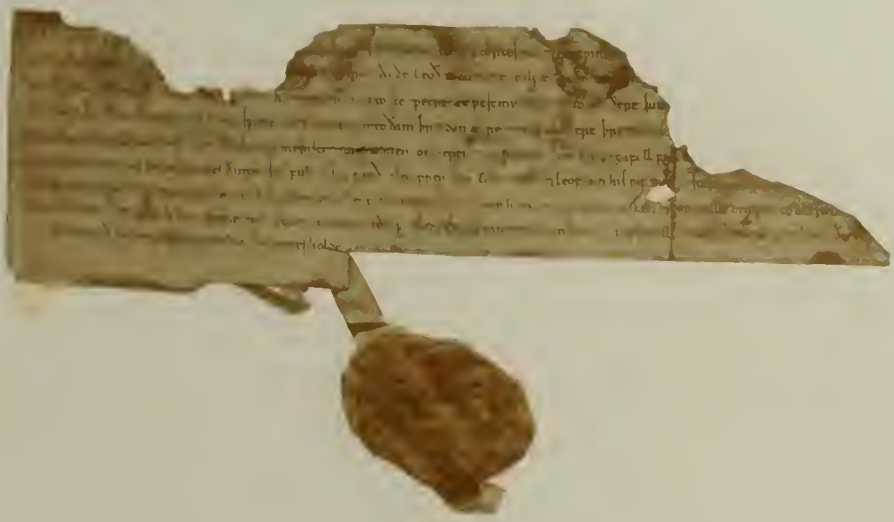

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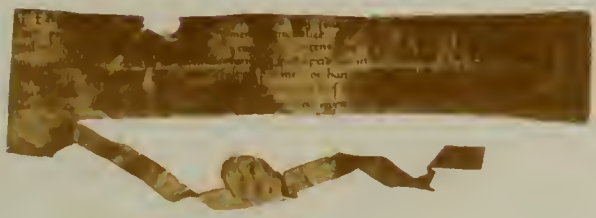

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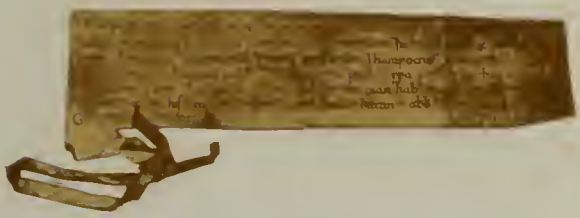

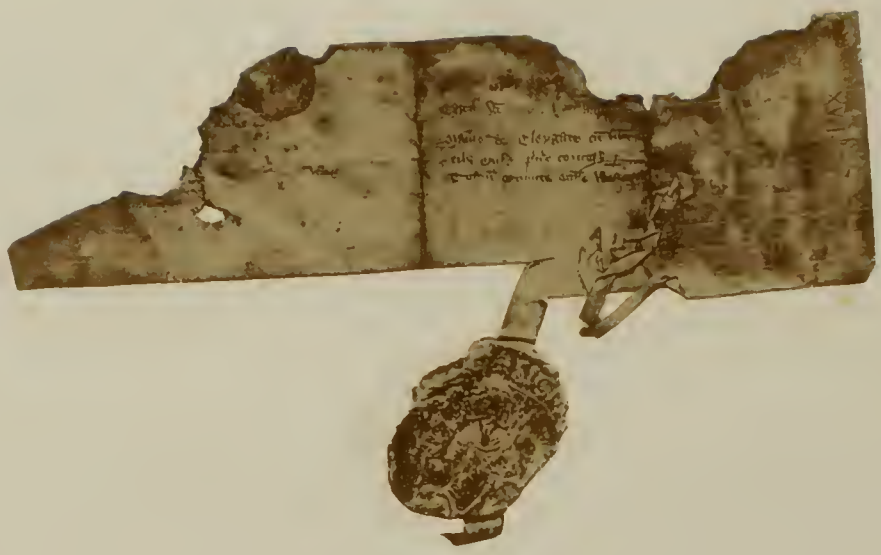

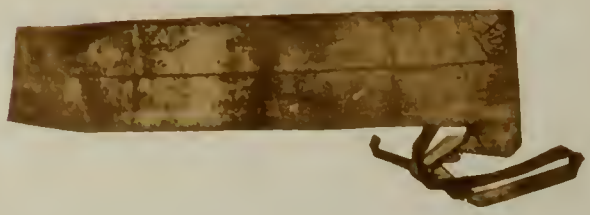

XV.

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Carta Sancti Regis Edwardi de manerio de Cleygate cum libertatibus ejusdem prius concesso per Tostinum Comitem ecclesie West monasteriensi.

XV.

Concerning Claygate

Charter of St. Edward the King of the manor of Claygate with its liberties first granted by Earl Tosti to the Church of Westminster.

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EADWARD. A.D. 1066.

IN nomine sanctę et indiuiduę trinitatis. Propter eos qui iusticiam dei contemnunt et suam uolunt constituere · quoniam iusticię dei non sunt subiecti · procurandum est his qui ęcclesiarum dei priuilegia constituunt ut multiplices cartas et multitudinem testium atque maledictionum congerant: quibus etsi non semper tamen aliquotiens pessimorum hominum impia proteruia · et pernitiosa presumptio tutius proteratur · retundatur ac reuerberetur: necnon fortissimo defensionis robore funditus eradicetur. Quapropter ego Edwardus gratia dei anglorum rex: notum facio omnibus futuris post me seculi generationibus quoniam precepto leonis papę pro penitentia et remissione peccatorum meorum renouaui et melioraui basilicam sancti petri quę sita est prope menia principalis anglorum urbis lundonię et ab occidentali ora eiusdem urbis dicitur Westmonasterium · Quę edificata quidem fuerat antiquitus sub mellito lundonię primo episcopo socio et contemporaneo sancti Augustini primi cantuarię archiepiscopi · et per ipsum beatum PETRUM angelico famulante seruitio: sanctę crucis impressione et sacri crismatis perunctione dedicata sed per frequentes incursiones barbarorum et maxime danorum: qui patre meo Æthelredo uiuente irruptionem in angliam fecerant et eo mortuo cum fratre meo eadmundo dimidium regnum sub amicitiarum pactione tenuerant: fratremque meum alium Elfredum miserabiliter interceptum excecauerant neglecta et penitus destructa uidebatur. Cum ergo renouassem eam et multa priuilegia regię potestatis et apostolicę auctoritatis per beatum leonem papam in ea constituissem: defuncto ipso leone et confirmato in eius loco Nicholao placuit mihi renouare · meliorare et confirmare · consuetudines et donationes pecuniarum quas antecessores mei reges sancto PETRO instituerant propter summam deuotionem quam habuit semper anglorum gens erga eum et eius uicarios. Itaque propter hoc negotium · et alia quamplura: legatos misi romam · episcopum unum aldredum et duos electos ad ordinandum episcopos: gyssonem scilicet et Walterum · ut a domno papa sacrarentur. Uenientes autem romam: ab apostolico Nicholao honore quo decebat suscepti · inuenerunt ibi ad synodum congregatam multitudinem magnam episcoporum · abbatum monachorum et clericorum · cęterorumque fidelium. Cumque audiente synodo suę legationis causam perorarent: huius summam epistolę domno papę obtulerunt · Summo uniuersalis ecclesię patri Nicholao · Eadwardus gratia dei Anglorum rex: debitam subiectionem et omnimodam seruitium. Glorificamus deum quia curam habet suę electę ęcclesię · quoniam in loco boni predecessoris uos optimum successorem constituit. Quapropter iustum iudicamus apud uos uelut ad solidam petram: uenire et probare omnes bonas intentiones nostras · et nostram notitiam atque societatem in bono habere quatinus eas donationes et priuilegia quę optinuimus apud predecessorem uestrum: renouetis et augeatis nobis uidelicet ut quod ille iniunxit nobis sub nomine obedientię ac penitentię propter uotum quod uoueram ire romam et in remissionem omnium peccatorum meorum construere cenobium monachorum in honore apostoli PETRI ratum faciatis et priuilegia possessionum et dignitatum eiusdem loci confirmetis renouetis atque augeatis · et inperpetuum immutabilia stare decernatis. Ego quoque pro modulo meo augeo et confirmo donationes et consuetudines pecuniarum quas habet sanctus Petrus in anglia · et ipsas pecunias collectas cum regalibus donis mitto uobis ut oretis pro me et pro pace regni mei et continuam ac solennem memoriam haberi instituatis totius gentis anglorum coram corporibus sanctorum apostolorum. VALETE. His igitur litteris a summo pontifice susceptis cum feliciter ad uotum suum omnibus peractis a roma redirent: consulente sancta synodo transmissam a domno papa mihi detulerunt epistolam. Nicholaus episcopus seruus seruorum dei Gloriosissimo ac piissimo · omnique honore dignissimo spirituali quoque filio nostro Eadwardo anglorum regi usitatiorem omnimodam salutem mellitam et benedictionem apostolicam. Omnipotenti deo referimus grates qui uestram prudentissimam excellentiam in omnibus ornauit ac decorauit erga beatum PETRUM apostolorum principem et nobiscum habere dilectionem et in omnibus apostolicis consentire censuris. Litteras igitur uestrę nobilitati transmittimus et per eas societatem sanctorum apostolorum et nostram uobis damus orantes misericordiam illius qui est dominus omnium et rex super omnia solus ut ipse uos participem faciat ex omnibus si qua sint coram deo bonis operibus nostris et fratres nos ac socios in sua dilectione constituat in omni tempore amplius: ac non minorem partem nostri obsequii uobis reconsignet in suo regno quam uobismet ipsis prouenire optamus. Erimus etiam deinceps pro uobis sine dubio orantes assidue: ut ipse deus uobis subiciat hostes et inimicos qui contra uos uoluerint insurgere et confirmet uos in paterno solio et propria hereditate · ac beatus PETRUS sit uobis custos et adiutor semper in omni tribulatione. Claret enim anglorum reges pro reuerentia et deuotione quam exhibuerunt beato PETRO gloria et honore floruisse ac ipsius patrocinio famosos triumphos obtinuisse. Cuius beati apostoli meritis uestro desiderio et uoluntati omnipotens deus prestet effectum et confirmet uobis paterni regni imperium et tribuat pacis incrementum: et post presentis uitę decursum perducat ad ęternum permanentis glorię imperium. Renouamus ergo et confirmamus et augemus uobis priuilegia uestra scilicet ut absolutus sitis ab illo uoto quod timebatis et ab omnibus aliis peccatis et iniquitatibus uestris auctoritate illius qui me licet indignum suę sanctę sedi preesse uoluit. Pręterea illi loco quem sub nomine sanctę penitentię construendum et meliorandum suscepistis · quoniam ut fertur primam antiquitus consecrationem a beato PETRO accepit cuius licet indigni uicarii sumus et quia regia antiquitus sedes est: ex auctoritate dei et sanctorum apostolorum atque huius romanę sedis et nostra · concedimus · permittimus · et solidissime confirmamus ut amplius inperpetuum regię constitutionis et consecrationis locus sit: atque repositorium regalium insignium et habitatio perpetua monachorum qui nulli omnino personę nisi regi subdantur habeantque potestatem secundum regulam sancti benedicti per successiones eligere ex se idoneos abbates neque introducatur per uiolentiam extranea persona nisi quem concors congregatio sibi preesse elegerit. Absoluimus etiam eum locum ab omni seruitio et dominatione episcopali ut nullus episcopus illuc introeat ordinaturus aut precepturus aliquid nisi ex petitione et consensu abbatis et monachorum et habeat idem locus liberum procinctum id est ambitum et cymiterium mortuorum circa se absque episcopali uel cuiuscumque respectu uel exactione et omnia quę ad libertatem et exaltationem illius loci ad honorem dei pertinentia per nostram auctoritatem accedere possunt · hilari et promptissima uoluntate concedimus. Possessiones autem quas antiqui reges seu quicumque alii homines uos quoque ac uestri barones ad eundem locum contulistis et cartas quę ex eis factę sunt: diuina et nostra auctoritate roboramus et ratas ac stabiles esse decernimus · et infractores earum uel inuasores aut diminutores aut dispersores uenditores etiam: ęterna maledictione cum iuda proditore damnamus · ut non habeant partem in beata resurrectione sed a beato PETRO se iudicandos sciant quando sedebit cum suis compostolis iudicans duodecim tribus israel. Uobis uero et posteris uestris regibus committimus aduocationem et tuitionem eiusdem loci et omnium totius anglię ęcclesiarum ut uice nostra cum consilio episcoporum et abbatum constituatis ubique quę iusta sunt: scientes pro hoc uos recepturos dignam mercedem ab eo cuius regnum et imperium nec desinet nec minuetur in seculum. VALETE. Hanc igitur epistolam apostolici priuilegii placuit inserere huic nostrę confirmationi ut secundum quod sancto leoni prius placuerat · meliusque preceperat: concordante ad hoc successore eius Nicholao et eadem aut maiora mihi precipiente: sciant omnes futurę generationes me pro uoti predicti absolutione peccatorumque meorum omnium remissione et ęternę uitę remuneratione pro animabus regum tam successorum quam predecessorum meorum et omnium parentum meorum pro pace et stabilitate regni mei et prosperitate totius anglorum populi loco illi omnimodam libertatem quantum ad potestatem terrenam concessisse et quod illi de ęcclesiastica: hoc de regia libertate statuo. Eius igitur amoris stimulo et fide plenissimo ac deuotissima suffultus · cuius largiflua miseratione in cathedra regali promotus sum: cum consilio et decreto archiepiscoporum episcoporum comitum aliorumque omnium meorum optimatum prospiciens hoc ipsi ęcclesię et habitantibus in ea sine pertinentibus ad eam utile fore non solum in presenti sed et in futuro: elegi sanctiendum atque perpeti stabilimento ab omnibus confirmandum ut pro christi honore et amore et pro reuerentia summi apostolorum principis PETRI cuius patrocinio meipsum commisi et pro deuotione et ueneratione sanctarum reliquiarum quas eidem loco contuli · beatorum uidelicet apostolorum · martyrum confessorum et uirginum ut omnipotens dominus per istorum suffragia sanctorum depulsis cunctis aduersitatibus cum pacis et honoris sui stabilitate ac perpetuę tranquillitatis sullimatione locum illum custodiat · disponat · et protegat et pro magnifica dignitate sine regali excellentia ipsius ęcclesię et pro quietę monachorum ibidem deo famulantium tantus honor eidem ęcclesię habeatur inperpetuum et obseruetur ut neque nos neque successores nostri neque quilibet episcopus nec quicumque de iudicaria potestate in ipsam sanctam basilicam uel in manentes in ipsa uel in homines qui cum suis terris uel qualibuscumque substantiis ad ipsam tradere uel deuouere se uoluerint nisi per uoluntatem abbatis et suorum monachorum ullam unquam habeant potestatem sed sit hęc sancta mater ecclesia peculiaris patroni nostri domni et magni apostoli ter beati PETRI libera et absoluta ab omni inuasione uel inquietudine omnium hominum cuiuscumque ordinis uel potestatis esse uideantur. Pręterea aliud constituo atque inperpetuo confirmo: ut quisquis fugitiuorum de quocumque loco pro quacumque causa cuiuscumque conditionis sit: ipsum sanctum locum uel procinctum eius fugiens intrauerit: inmunis sit omnino ac plenam libertatem consequatur. Placuit etiam mihi hanc optionis electionem et libertatis donum gratissimo animo et integra uoluntate augere et priuilegio isto roborare et insuper dono meo inuiolabiliter confirmare omnes donationes terrarum uel ęcclesiarum aut aliarum rerum quę ibi ab antecessoribus meis regibus seu a quibuscumque ante me donatę sunt · necnon et illas quas uel ego uel optimates mei uel etiam quilibet de ciuibus intra lundoniam donauerant tam terras quam consuetudines et omnia iura qualiumcumque causarum in omnibus terris quę uel in lundonia uel in aliis quibuscumque locis predicto monasterio adiacent uel adiciendę sunt per gratiam dei. Hanc libertati concedo additamentum in qua ut ab omnibus apertius et plenius intelligatur nomina consuetudinum anglice precepi ponere scilicet mundbryce · burhbryce · miskenninge · sceauinge · hlastinge · friþsokne · flymenafyrmþe, pergeldþeof · utlheap · forfange · fyhtwite · fyrdwite · fihtwite · peardwite · hengwite · hamsokne · forsteall · infangeneþeof · saka · socna · toll & team: aliasque omnes leges et consuetudines quę ad me pertinent. Renouaui etiam priuilegia antiquorum regum et ex nomine sanctę trinitatis et omnium sanctorum nostra etiam regia auctoritate cum consensu atque consultu primatum meorum interdixi et cartam in praesentia mea fieri iussi ut nullus unquam succedentium regum episcoporum principum comitum uicecomitum procuratorum seu aliorum regum clientium uel alia quelibet magna uel parua persona pastum censum uel impensionem: castrorum uel pontium reędificationem xenia seu munuscula uel aliud quidlibet ab ęcclesia illa uel a terris ad eam pertinentibus per uim aut per consuetudinem exigat nec opera nec tributa uel expeditiones ad se trahat sed exclusa penitus exactione uel angaria cunctarum consuetudinum: omnia sicut in manu mea habueram melius plenius et liberius: ita cum omnimoda libertate sint concessa eidem ęcclesię · in terra et in aqua in urbe et extra · in domo et extra in uilla et extra in uia et extra · in placito · in soka et saka in theloneo in furis apprehensione et emissione in sanguinis effusione · in campis et siluis in pratis in pascuis in aquis in piscariis in molendinis et omnibus suis appendiciis · quatinus ipsa religiosa contio pro remedio animę meę et omnium benefactorum eiusdem ecclesię peruigiles persoluat deprecationes et more sapientium uirginum oleum bonę actionis seruans sub habitu religionis christo domino et eius beato apostolo PETRO indefesse deseruiat. Si quis autem contra hanc praeceptionis et auctoritatis nostrę paginam senserit: quicumque ille fuerit cuiuscumque nominis et honoris ętatis et potestatis gradus et ordinis et eam uel in magno uel in minimo infringere uoluerit · et alios ad hoc conduxerit unusquisque pro se ipso libras quinque partibus sancti petri persoluat et quicquid exinde fiscus noster ad partem nostram sperare poterat: in luminaribus uel stipendiis monachorum seu et elemosinas pauperum ipsius monasterii perenniter per nostra oracula ad integrum sit concessum atque indultum. Hanc igitur cartam meę donationis et libertatis in die dedicationis predictę ecclesię recitari iussi coram episcopis abbatibus comitibus et omnibus optimatibus anglię omnique populo audiente et uidente · et secundum apostolici leonis eiusque successoris Nicholai constitutum excommunicari feci eos qui decretum[1] nostrum infringerent: uel infringi permitterent quantum in ipsis esset. Quisquis autem successorum meorum hanc donationis libertatem firmiter atque inuiolabiliter custodierit · ęterna coronetur claritate cęlestisque regni plena perfruatur felicitate. Si quis uero quod absit eam destruere uoluerit: uel huius nostri decreti contradictor conuulsor et temerator extiterit cum iuda proditore ęterno anathemati subiaceat: nisi deo et beato suo apostolo petro digna penitentia satisfecerit. Ut ergo hęc auctoritas nostris et futuris temporibus circa ipsum sanctum locum perenniter firma et inuiolata permaneat: uel per omnia tempora illęsa custodiatur atque conseruetur et ab omnibus optimatibus nostris et uulgus publicis et priuatis melius ac certius credatur: manus nostrę subscriptionibus subter eam decreuimus roborare et idoneos testes annotare: atque sigillo nostro iussimus sigillare. Ego EADƿARDUS dei gratia anglorum rex hoc priuilegium iussi componere et compositum cum signo dominicę crucis confirmando impressi. + Ego Ealgiða regina omni alacritate mentis hoc corroboraui. + Ego Stigandus sanctę metropolis ęcclesię cantuariensis episcopus confirmaui. + Ego Ealdredus archiepiscopus eboracensis ęcclesię consignaui. + Ego Willielmus episcopus lundoniensis ęcclesię ad omnia superscripta consentiens subscripsi. + Ego Heremannus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Ƿulfƿius episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Ƿalterus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Leofricus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Giso episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Ƿulstanus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Siƿardus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego [illegible]inus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Ægelsius abbas consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Eadƿinus abbas consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Ægelƿius abbas consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Leofricus abbas consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Baldƿinus abbas consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Ƿulfƿoldus abbas consensi et subscripsi. + Ego Eadmundus abbas. + Ego Reinbaldus regis cancellarius relegi et sigillaui. + Ego Osbernus regis capellanus. + Ego Petrus regis capellanus. + Ego Rodbertus capellanus. + Ego Haroldus dux. + Ego Eadƿinus comes. + Ego Gyrð comes. + Ego Leofƿinus comes. + Ego Markerus comes. + Ego Esgarus minister. + Ego bondius minister. + Ego Raulfus minister. + Ego Rodbertus minister. + Ego Eadnoþus minister. + Ego Ægelnoðus miles. + Ego Ƿigodus minister. + Ego Ƿulfricus miles. + Ego Siƿardus miles. + Ego Gudricus miles. + Ego Colo miles. + Ego Ƿulfƿardus miles. + Omnes consentientes subscripsimus. Stabilita apud Westmonasterium V · kalendas ianuarii die sanctorum innocentium anno dominicę incarnationis M^{mo} LX^{mo} VI indictione tercia anno regni EADƿARDI nobilissimi et clementissimi regis uigesimo V. Ego Ælfgeatus notarius ad uicem Reinbaldi regię dignitatis cancellarii hoc priuilegium scripsi · et subscripsi in dei nomine feliciter. AMEN

In nomine sce & individue trinitatis, ppe eos qui instrui dei contemnunt & sua uolunt constituere, qui iudicia dei insuper subiecta pertrandu est his que ecclesiarum do priuilegia constituunt in multitudine capitum & multitudine ecclesiarum atq; maledictionum congerant: qb' a si non semp tam aliquem pessimorum hominum impia preputa, & principia plumbeo animi parat, recundatur, de peccatorum nec [illegible] defensionis robore fundit gradicet. Quapre ego Edward' gra di Anglorum rex' nouu facio omnibus hominibus post me sedi generationis qui precepto domni papae ppetrenna & remissione peccatorum meorum penitentiam & mediorum basilicam sancti petri, quae est pro memoria principalis Anglorum urbis Lundonie, & abscidentibus ora eiusdem urbis dicit Westmonasterium. Quae edificata ideo fuerat de aquis submersa Lundonie primo apostolico & contemporaneo sci Augustini primi cantuariae archiepiscopi, & ipsius beati Petri Angelico tamquam scriptio sce crucis impressione & sacri crismatis punctione dedicata, sed frequenter ab incolis barbarorum & maxime danorum; qui patre meo Ethelredo uiuente irruptione in Anglia fecerant, & eo mortuo cum fre meo Eadmundo dimidii regni sub diuisionis paccione tenuerant: fraterq; meum Alf[illegible] miserabiliter interfecerant, negleta a penitus destructa undeqq; Cui ego renouasse ea, & matris priuilegia, quae pontifices & apostolicae auctoritas, piissimi cone papae mea constituisse, defuncto ipso loco, & ipsorum loco nicholao, placuit in renouare, melioraque, & confirmare, libertatem & donationes pecuniarum quae pari sed petro instituerant, pre suma deuotione omnibus habuit semp Anglorum genti ego ea ei in capitulo fratrum ppe hoc negotium, & alia qui plura: legatos misi romam, qui in unum Aldredum & duos episcopos ad ordinandum epos: ortsonem scilicet & walterum, ut domino papae sacrarentur. Venientes autem romam, in apostolico nicholao honore qdecetur suscepti, inuenerunt ibi ad synodum congregatam multitudinem magnam episcorum, abbatum, monachorum, & clericorum, cetorumque fidelium. Cumque audiente synodo huc legationis causam perquirent, hanc summam domno papae obtulerunt. Sumo uniuersali ecclesiae patri nicholao, Eaduuard' gra dei Anglorum rex: debitam subiectionem & omnimodam seruitium. Gloriosam dni [illegible] capitis habere sue decere ecclesiae, qui in loco boni praedecessoris uestri oramus successorem constituit. Quae ppter iusti iudicium apud nos uelut ad sedem petri: accipere & praestare, omnes bonas institutiones nras, & uam nouam atq; societatem in bono habere, quam eas donationes & priuilegia quae oramus apud praedecessorem uestrum: renouetur, & augeantur nobis, indicetur ut qd ille iniuste nobis subtraxerunt obedientiae de penitentiae ppe uestri qd uouerit ipse pro a, & in permissione omnium peccatorum meorum efficere omnibus monachis in honore apti Petri sacrati, & priuilegia possessionum, & dignitatem eiusdem loci chrmcas, renouetur, atq; augeantur, & appetitum minuendum stare decernant. Ego qq; pro modulo meo augeo & chrmo donationes & efficentiae pecuniarum qs habet sed petrus in Anglia, & ipsas pecuniae collectas cum regalibus donis mitto uobis, ut operis pnie & pace regni mei, & continua de solemne memoria habeatur [illegible] rum, omnis Anglorum corpori corporis sedis apostolicae. Valete. Dis q; litteris assumo pontifice suscepta, cum fecit [illegible] suis omnibus pacem a roma pedipte consulentes sca synodo [illegible] a bona papa in de[illegible] Nicholaus episcopus seruus seruorum dei. Gloriosissimo, de pissimo, ormiq; honore dignissimo, spiritali quoq; filio nro Eaduuardo Anglorum regi unitatem omnimoda, salutem indiminuta, & benedictionem apticam. Omnipotentem do petrum greg. q; iam prudentissima, excellentia in omnibus operantur, ac decoratur, ipsa beati Petri apti principis, & notem habet dilectionem, & omnibus apticis consentiunt consulti. Litteras sigilli uestre nobilitatis cognouimus, & petis societatem sedis apticae, & nram uobis dam, optantes nuncietia illi q est dns omnium & pre sup omnia solus, ac ipse uos participem facere omnibus liq; se ipsa do domus opulentis nris, & filiis nos de sociis in tua dilectione constituat omni tempore ampli: ac innumerae partem nri obsequii uobis pectinet in suo regno, qui nobis inscripsit pueros operam. Primus ea denequit puob sine dubio optantes assidue: ut ipse ds uobis subiciat hostes & inimicos qconte uos uoluerint insurgere, & confirmet uos in pacem solo & ppria hereditate, ac beatus Petrus sit uobis custos & adiutor semp in omni tribulatione. Cuiper eni Anglorum regni praecepta & deuotione qm exhibuerunt beato Petro ofa & honore florentissimo, ac ipsum triumphosos triumphos obtinuisse. Cui beato apti meritis nro dedicio & uolumus omis ds prestet effectu, & confirmet uobis panni regni nri pui, & tribuat pacis incrementum, & post prsentis uitae decursu pducat ad cenu pmanentis esse imperiu. Renouam q & chrmam & augeo uobis priuilegia ipsa [illegible] ut absolute sint abllo uoto qd tenebant, & abomibus alis peccatis & migratibus ipsis, auctoritate illi q me licet indigno sue sce sedis praesse uoluit. Exercere illi loco quae sub nomine sce penitentiae existuendis & mediorandis suscepistis, qui ut fere prima antiq; declaratione Abraho Petro decepit cui licet indigni uicarii sumus, & qa regia antiq; sedis est: exaucetur deo, & scorum apstorum atq; hui romane sedis & ipsa, eccdum pmanam, & solidissime chrmam, ac amplis imperatu regni esse [illegible] & decorationis loc sic, atq; praesentorum regalium insignium, & habitatio ppetua monachorum, qnulli omino prsonae nisi regi subdant, habeamq; potestatem sedis regulae sci benedicti pseudonimis digere, & se idoneos abbates, neq; producat puolentia ecclesiae psona, nisi qui concors congregatio sibi prsesse degerit. Absolum eam ei locum abomi seruitio & dnatione cuiusl, ut nullus ejus illuc inuocat ordinatus aut praeceptum aliqd nisi caritatione & consilio abbatis & monachorum, & habeat idem loc liberum pontem id est ambitum, & cimiterium mortuorum circa se absq; qualibet cuiuscumq; respectu ut ecclesiae, & omnia quae ad libertatem & ecclesiae rationem illi loco ad honorem di pertinent pnram auctoritatem detegere possunt hilari & pnpossima uoluntate concedimus. Possessiones autem qs antiq regis sui qcumq; alii homines uos qq; de ipsi baronis, ad eundem locum contulistis, & carta quae ea esse facere sed diuina & nra auctoritate roboramus, & patas ac stabiles esse decernimus, & infractores earum uel minuatores, aut diminuatores, aut dissipatores, uendatores earum, cum maledictione cum iuda petrique damnamus, ut habeant partem in beata resurrectione, sed a beato petro se iudicandos sciant, qndo sedebit cum suis ceptis iudicans duodecim qtb' isti. Vos u & posteri ipsis pagis commoniti adiuuatione & ratione eidem loci, & omnium rei Angliae ecclesiarum, ut nec nra cum episcopis & abbatum constituant iubeo, quae nulla sit sacerdotes phoc uos precepimus, nos dignia meritis Abraho omnis regni & impiu nec deinceps, nec minuetur in sectin. Valete. Hanc q eptam apticae priuilegii placuit uobis huic nre chrmationi ut sicut qd sed leoni pui placuerat nichil peccatur: concordante ad hoc successore eius nicholao, & eadem aut maiora in recipiente sciant omis fuerit generationis me puon pdicti abbatis ione peccatorum meorum omnium remissione & ceni uitae pmanentis, animae regni cum successoribus qm praecessoribus nris, & omnium parentum meorum, pace & stabilitatem regni mei, & spiritae rei Anglorum populi. Locum illi omnimodam libertatem qnem ad potestatem optenda concessisse, & qd illi de ecclesiastica hoc de regia libertate statuerit [illegible] & amoris stimulo & fide plenissima de dominorum sustulit cui Lapsiuus misericordia in cathedra regali pnoti sui, cum consilio & decreto archiepiscorum, episcorum, comitum, aliorumq; omnium meorum optimatum, prospicientes hoc ipsi ecclesiae & habitaturis in ea sue pontificatus adeo uale fore, non solum in presenti sed & in futuro, decreuimus sanctendum atq; ppetu stabilitate abomibus christianis, ut de regni honore & amore & praecepta sunt apticae principis petri cui pagorum ne esum commisi, & pdecessorum & uenerationem earum religiosarum qs cedit loco comitum, decorum uidetur apticae martyrum confessorum, & uirginum, ut omnes dni pastores suffragia scorum depulsis cunctis aduersitatibus, cum pacis & honoris sui stabilitate de pperue tranquillitatis sublimationem locum illum custodiant, disponant, & prosint, & magnifice dominentur sine regali excellentia ipsius ecclesiae & quiete monachorum illude do famulantium tantae honorem eidem ecclesiae habeat in pperuum & obsequat: ut neq; nos neq; successores nri, neq; quilibet ejus, nec quicumq; de iudiciaria potestate impsi scam basilicam uel immanentes impsi, uel inhominis qui sunt, [illegible] subsistere ipsi adipsa edere uel deuocere se uoluerint, nisi pu uoluntate abbatis & suorum monachorum ullam unqm habeant potestatem, sed sit hoc sca mater ecclesia peculiari patrono nri domni & magni apti Petri libera & absoluta abomi inuasione uel incendiis omnium hominum cuiuscumq; ordinis, ut potestatem esse iudicant. Exercere aliud extraneo, atq; in pperuo chrmo: ut ds fugientem de qcumq; loco, pro qcumq; causa, cuiscumq; dominus sit: ipsum scm locum, uel pentem ei fugiens mereatur: munimis su oio ac plenam libertatem obtinere. Placuit eia in hanc optionis decretum, & libertas donum gratissimo animo & integra uoluntate augere, & pulcro isto roborare, & insup dono meo in totalitate chrmare omnes donationes retrarum ut ecclesiarum aut aliarum rerum quae ibi abantecessoribus meis pagis seu adhcumq; dare me donatae sed, nec ea, ad qd ud ego uel optimates mei uel cetera quilibet de cuiusmodi [illegible] dominum donationem, ta in [illegible] ducendis, ecomia supra qlucumq; causarum in omnibus qs que uel in lundonia uel in alis qlcumq; locis pdicto monasterio adiacente, uel adiacendae se pgram dei. Hanc libertatem cedo addiamus, inquam ut abomibus apti & plenius intelligat, nomina ducum Angliae pcepi ponere, scilicet mundbryce, burhbryce, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

XVIII.

EADWARD. A.D. 1066.

In the name of the holy and undivided Trinity. On [illegible] who [illegible] purposes of God and wish to set up their own, as they are not subject to the justice of God, care must be taken by those who found the privileges of [illegible] churches to bring together many charters and a multitude of witnesses and maledictions lest by unjust [illegible] the impious madness and [illegible] presumption of the worst of men may, what not always yet oftentimes be trodden under foot, beaten down and cast back, and by the mighty power of punishment even utterly rooted out. Wherefore I Eadward by God's grace King of the Angles make known to all future generations that by the command of Pope Leo in repentance and for the remission of my sins I have renewed and improved the church of St Peter which is situated near the walls of the chief city of the Angles, London, and from the western side of the same city is called Westminster, which had been ruled of old built under Mellitus the first bishop of London the contemporary and friend of St Augustine the first archbishop of Canterbury, and by the said St Peter assisted by Angels' service dedicated by the impression of the holy cross and anointment with the holy chrism; yet owing to the frequent incursions of barbarians and principally of the Danes who in the life time of my Father Ethelred had made a descent upon England and on his death held half the kingdom by agreement with my brother Eadmund and had miserably slain my other brother Elfred who had fallen into their hands, had been neglected and altogether allowed to go to ruin. Whereas therefore I had renewed it and established in it many privileges of royal power and apostolic authority through the blessed pope Leo, who also being dead and Nicholas confirmed in his place, it has pleased me to renew, augment and confirm the customs and grants of manors which the Kings my ancestors had appointed to St Peter on account of the very high devotion which the people of the Angles always displayed to him and his vicars. Therefore upon this business and very many other things I sent as legates to Rome one bishop Aldred and two bishops elect to wit Gyso and Walter that these might be consecrated by the Lord Pope. They coming to Rome were received by Pope Nicholas with becoming honour and found congregated there in synod a great multitude of bishops, abbots, monks, clerks and others of the faithful. And when they had thoroughly explained the cause of their legation before the listening synod they laid before the Lord pope the whole of this letter. To the most high father of the church Nicholas, Edward by God's grace King of the Angles due submission and all manner of service. We glorify God because He careth for His church elect, since He has appointed you as the best successor of a good predecessor wherefore we think it right with you as a solid rock to exercise and prove all our good intentions and to obtain your notice and good fellowship in order that you may renew and increase in our favour those grants and privileges which we obtained from your predecessor to wit that you will ratify what he enjoined us in the name of obedience and repentance on account of the vow which I had vowed to go to Rome and in remission of all my sins to build a monastery of monks in honour of the apostle Peter, and confirm, renew, increase and decree to endure in perpetual immutability the charters of possessions and dignities conferred upon that place. I also for my part, increase and confirm the grants and customs of moneys which St Peter has in England, and I send to you those moneys collected with royal gifts, that you may pray for me and for the peace of my kingdom and may direct a lasting and solemn memorial for the whole people of the Angles to be held before the bodies of the Holy Apostles. Fare ye well. These letters therefore having been received by the High Pontiff when the bearers having happily accomplished all their undertakings were about to return from Rome by advice of the holy Synod, they bore me this letter from the Lord Pope. Nicholas Bishop Servant of the Servants of God, to the most glorious devout and worthy of all honour our spiritual son Eadward King of the Angles, all manner of visitation, mellifluous greeting and apostolical benediction. We offer thanks to Almighty God who has in all things adorned and decorated your most prudent excellence for the love which with ourselves you bear toward St. Peter the prince of the Apostles and for your agreement with all apostolic judgment. We therefore transmit to your nobility these letters and through them offer you the full [illegible] of the holy Apostle and our own prayers through the mercy of Him who is Lord of all and the only King over all, that He will make you a participator in all our good works if any there be before God and constitute us besides brothers and companions in his love for all time, and award unto you no less a portion of our service in His kingdom than we wish may fall unto ourselves. We will also henceforth don these prayers [illegible] for you that God will subdue your enemies and all those who would rise against you, and confirm you in your paternal throne and proper inheritance and may the blessed Peter always be your guardian and helper in every tribulation. For it is clear that the Kings of the Angles, through the reverence and devotion which they have exhibited towards St Peter, have flourished in glory and honour, and under his patronage have obtained famous triumphs, through the merit of which blessed Apostle may Almighty God give effect to your desire and will and confirm to you the empire of your paternal kingdom and bestow upon you increase of peace and after the course of this present life lead you to the eternal realms of ever enduring glory. We therefore renew and confirm and augment your privileges, to wit that you be absolved from that vow which you feared and from all other your sins and iniquities by the authority of Him whose will has placed me, albeit unworthy, to preside upon His holy seat. Moreover to that place which in the name of holy repentance you have undertaken to build up and ameliorate because as it is said it first of old received consecration from St Peter whose vicar albeit unworthy we are, and because it is of old a royal seat, we by authority of God and the holy Apostle and of this see of Rome and our own grant permit and most firmly confirm that it be made for ever the seat of royal constitution and consecration and the repository of the royal insignia and the perpetual habitation of monks who shall be subject to no person whatever but the King and shall be empowered according to the rule of St. Benedict to elect from among themselves proper Abbots in succession, nor shall any outside person be introduced by force except he whom the congregation gathered together shall elect to preside over themselves. We also have absolved that place from all service and episcopal domination so that no bishop shall enter therein to ordain or give any precept unless by petition and with the consent of the Abbot and monks, and the same place shall have a free precinct that is a cloister and a burial place for the dead about it without respect or exaction of bishop or any one else whomsoever, and we grant with a joyful and most ready will all things belonging to the honour of God, which may through our authority tend to the liberty and exaltation of the same place. We moreover by divine and our own authority confirm and decree that the possessions which ancient Kings or other men whosoever and which you yourself also and your barons have conferred upon the same place and the charters which have been made thereof shall be steadfast and unalterable and we damn with an eternal curse in company with the traitor Judas all who shall infringe, invade, diminish, disperse or sell the same, and they shall have no part in the blessed resurrection, but shall be submitted to the judgment of St Peter when he shall sit with his brother apostles to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. We also commit to you and the Kings your successors the advowson and tuition of the same place and of all the churches of all England that you may in our place with the advice of the bishops and abbots everywhere settle whatever things are right knowing that for this you will receive a meet reward from Him whose kingdom and empire shall neither end or diminish for ever. Fare ye well. We have therefore been pleased to insert this letter of apostolic privilege into this our confirmation so that in accordance with that which it had previously pleased St Leo to enjoin me, his successor Nicholas agreeing to this and laying upon me the same in fuller injunctions, all future generations may know that I in absolution of the aforesaid vow and for the remission of all my sins and the reward of everlasting life have for the souls of the Kings as well my successors as predecessors and of all my kinsmen and for the peace and stability of all the people of the Angles granted to that place all manner of liberty as far as regards earthly power, and what they have ordained with regard to ecclesiastical that I ordain as to royal laws. Therefore supported by the fullest and most devout faith and stimulated by the love of Him through whose copious compassion I have been raised to the royal throne with the advice and by the decree of the archbishops, bishops, earls and all other my nobles, foreseeing that this will be useful to the church and to those either dwelling therein or belonging thereto not only in the present time but also in the future have elected to be decreed and by perpetual establishment confirmed by all, that for the honour and love of Christ and out of reverence for the most high prince of the apostles Peter to whose patronage I have committed myself and out of devotion for and veneration of the holy rule which I have conferred upon the same place, to wit, of the blessed apostles, martyrs, confessors and virgins, in order that the Almighty Lord through the suffrages of these saints, all opposition being removed, may with the stability of his peace and favour and the subministration of perpetual tranquillity guard, dispose, and protect that place and out of regard for the magnificent dignity and royal excellence of this church and the quiet of the monks serving God there such honour shall be perpetually paid to the said church and observed as that neither we nor our successors nor any bishop nor any person of judiciary power whatsoever shall ever have any power in this holy church or over the dwellers therein or over the men who shall wish to make over or devote to the same their lands or possessions whatsoever unless by the will of the abbot and his monks. But let this holy mother church of our peculiar patron and lord the great Apostle the thrice blessed Peter be free and absolved from all invasion and disturbance by all men of whatever condition or power they may seem to be. Moreover I further ordain and for ever confirm that every fugitive flying from any place and for any cause of whatever condition he may be who shall enter this holy place or its precinct shall be completely free and obtain full liberty. It has also pleased me to augment, with most grateful mind and entire goodwill and by this charter to corroborate this selection of choice and grant of liberty and I further by my gift inviolably confirm all grants of lands or churches or other things which have been granted to it by the Kings my ancestors or any other persons before my time and also those which either I or my nobles or any one of the citizens within London had given as well lands as customs and all rights of all causes whatsoever in all lands which either in London or any other places whatsoever belong to the aforesaid monastery or shall by the grace of God be added thereto. To this liberty I grant an addition, in which, that it may be by all the more clearly and fuller understood, I have ordered the names of the customs to be put in English to wit mundbryce, burhbryce, miskenninge, sceawinge, [illegible], [illegible], flymenafyrmthe, weregeldthiof, uthleap, forfenge, fyhtwite, fyrdwite, flitwite, weardwite, hengewite, hamsokne, forsteall, infangenetheof, saka, socna, toll and team, and all other laws and customs that to me belong. I have also renewed the privileges of the ancient Kings and in the name of the Holy Trinity and all the saints, and by our royal authority, with the consent and by the decree of my nobles, have forbidden, and commanded a charter to that effect to be made in my presence that no one of succeeding Kings, bishops, princes, earls, sheriffs, prætors or other vassals of Kings or any other person whosoever great or small shall ever exact any corody, tribute or donation in rebuilding of castles or bridges, parting-gifts, presents, or anything else whatsoever, either by force or by custom, from this church or the lands belonging to it, nor lay claim to works, tributes or expeditions but exaction of all customs and villenage being entirely excluded let all things, as I have had them in my own hand, well, freely and fully be granted with every kind of liberty to the same church, in land and in water within the city and without, within the house and without, within the vill and without, within the way and without, in place in sac and soc, in toll, in thief taking and emission of bloodshed, in fields and woods, in meadows, in waters, in fisheries, in mills, in all its appurtenances, so that this religious assembly for the cure of my soul and the souls of all the benefactors of the same church may offer up ever watchful deprecating prayers and like the wise virgins, preserving the oil of good action unwearily serve Christ our Lord and His blessed Apostle Peter in the garb of sanctity. If however any one shall decide against this record of our precept and authority whoever he shall be of whatever name and honour age and power rank and degree and shall wish to infringe the same either in great or in very little, and shall determine others to do the same, every one so doing shall pay, each for himself five pounds to the share of St Peter and whatever portion thereof our treasurer shall be able to separate for our share for ever shall be wholly granted and allowed for lamps or the stipends of monks or in alms for the poor of the same monastery by our decision. I have therefore commanded this charter of my gift and license to be recited on the day of dedication of the aforesaid church before the bishops, abbots, earls and all the nobles of England, all the people hearing and seeing, and according to the ordinance of Pope Leo and his successor Nicholas have caused to be excommunicated those who shall infringe or decrease or shall permit it to be infringed to the extent of their power. Moreover, any one of my successors who shall firmly and inviolably keep this grant shall be crowned with eternal splendour and fully enjoy the perfect happiness of the heavenly kingdom. But if any one which God forbid, shall wish to destroy the same or stand out as an opponent, overthrower and violater of this our decree, let him be under an everlasting curse with the traitor Judas unless he make amends with due penitence to God and His blessed apostle Peter. In order therefore that this authority shall for ever endure firm and inviolate around this said holy place in our own and future times and shall at all time be guarded and preserved unimpaired and be the better and more surely credited by all our nobles and judges public and private, we have determined to strengthen it with the subscription of our hand beneath it and to note down proper witnesses, and we have commanded it to be sealed with our seal. I Eadward by the grace of God King of the Angles have ordered this charter to be composed and have impressed upon it as composed the sign of our Lord's cross in confirmation. + I Eadgitha the Queen with all alacrity of mind have corroborated this. + I Stigand bishop of the holy church of the metropolis of Canterbury have confirmed. + I Ealdred archbishop of the church of York have signed. + I William bishop of the church of London consenting to all above written, have subscribed. + I Hereman bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Wulfwi bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Walter bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Leofric bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Giso bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Wulstan bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Siward bishop have consented and subscribed. + I [illegible] bishop have consented and subscribed. + I Egelsi abbot have consented and subscribed. + I Eadwine abbot have consented and subscribed. + I Egelwi abbot have consented and subscribed. + I Leofric abbot have consented and subscribed. + I Baldwine abbot have consented and subscribed. + I Wulfwold abbot have consented and subscribed. + I Eadmund abbot. + I Reinbald the King's chancellor have read it over and signed it. + I Osbern the King's chaplain. + I Peter the King's chaplain. + I Robert the chaplain. + I Harold duke. + I Eadwine earl. + I Gyrth earl. + I Leofwine earl. + I Markere earl. + I Esgar thane. + I Bondi thane. + I Raulf thane. + I Rodbert thane. + I Esbern thane. + I Ægelnoth knight. + I Wigod thane. + I Wulfric knight. + I Siward knight. + I Godric knight. + I Tofi knight. + I Wulfward knight. + We all consenting, have subscribed. Settled at Westminster the 5th kalends of January on the day of the Holy Innocents in the year of the dominical incarnation 1066—the 3rd indiction—the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Eadward the most noble and most merciful King. I Ælfgeat the notary in the room of Reinbald the chancellor have auspiciously written and subscribed this privilege happily in the name of God. Amen.

XVIII.

Sanctus Edwardus Tercia c. vj. Datum &c. Anno domini Millesimo lxvj^to.

Tertia carta Sancti Regis Edwardi de libertatibus et privilegiis confirmatis per summos pontifices Paschalem Innocentium II Eugenium III. in ij. bullis. Adrianum IIII in ij. bullis. Alexandrum III Clementem III. et multos alios.

De libertatibus.

Tertia carta Sancti Edwardi regis. Concordant huic carte in pluribus Carta Regis Eadgari et carta . . . . et carta Willielmi primi et Carta duplicata Henrici secundi et carta Regis Stephani et carta Regis Ricardi

XVIII

St Edward's third c vj Given, &c In the year of our L.rd 1066

The third charter of Saint Edward King concerning the liberties and privilege confirmed by the most high Pontiffs Nicholas, Paschal, Innocent II. Eugene III. in 2 bulls—Adrian IV in 2 bulls—Alexander III., Clement III and many others.

Concerning liberties

The third charter of St. Edward King The charter of King Edgar and the charter of , the charter of William I and the duplicate charter of Henry II and the charter of King Stephen and the charter of King Richard agree with this charter in many things

The Fac Simile of this Charter is bound in a separate Cover.

EXETER.

I

ÆTHELSTAN (A.D. 938.)

✠ ANNO dominicæ incarnationis DCLXX indictione XI. Ego æðelstan rex anglorum dabo pro æterna remuneratione et pro expiatione animæ meæ sex perticas uli incolis nocitur Hrocastoe deo et sanctæ mariæ ad monasterium quod incolis nocitatur exancestr ut habeat quamdiu christiana fides in gente anglorum maneat · præcipimus quoque et obsecramus in dei omnipotentis nomine et in trinitatis honore · ut nullus hominum in aliquo tempore ausus sit frangere nel minuere. Sed stabilis et inconcussa permaneat. Si autem aliquis hoc in aliquo frangere temptauerit sciat se in æterna dampnatione penitere nisi hic celeriter emendat. Huius agellili termini hæc sunt. Æerest of sulforda east anlang herpoðes on cuhum þanon east riht to hangan forda þanon suð anlang streames oð cuhum þæce anlang þæce of þere hæce up to þere caldan dic anlang þere dice on ceaggan cumb þanon on cinges slob þanon anlang þeges to þem mægen stane þanon suð þer ða þegas to liggað þanon on þone norð mystan hryc þeg anlang hryeges to ðere eorð burh middeþeardre þanon on brydenapyll þanon ut on exan up anlang exan oð scræpanleges þæce ⁊ scræpanleg þerto þæunc fram æðelstanes hammes forda on sulforda ⁊ feoper æcras hepestan exan fornæcan elferðes eald lande.

✠ Ego æðelstan rex anglorum meum donum cum sigillo sanctæ crucis conclusi.

✠ Ego eadmund indolis clito consolidaui.

✠ Ego ealfhelm archiepiscopus adquieui.

✠ Ego þeodred episcopus condumani.

✠ Ego brihtelm episcopus subscripsi.

✠ Ego ælfheah episcopus fui

✠ Ego æðelgar episcopus consolidaui.

✠ æðelstan dux.

✠ ælfhere dux.

✠ eadmund dux.

✠ odda dux

✠ pihtbord minister.

✠ heremod minister.

✠ pihtlaf minister

✠ ælfhere minister.

I.

ÆTHELSTAN (A.D. 938.)

✠ IN the year of the Dominical Incarnation, 670, the 11th Indiction I Athelstan for eternal remuneration and for the expiation of my soul will give six perches where it is called by the inhabitants Hrocastoe to God and St Mary at the Monastery which is called by the inhabitants Exancaster, that it may have it as long as the Christian Faith shall endure among the people of the Angles. We command also and entreat in the name of Almighty God and the honour of the Trinity, that no man at any time dare to infringe or diminish it but that it abide steadfast and unshaken. If however any one shall attempt to infringe this in any way let him know that he shall repent in eternal damnation unless he speedily makes amendment here. The bounds of the little estate are these First from Sulford east along the army path to Cuhum thence east straight to Langford thence south along stream to Cuhum lake, along the lake from the lake up to the old dyke along the dyke to Ceag cumb thence to King shough, thence along the way to the mass stone thence south to where the way part thence to the southernmost ridge way, along the ridge to the earth barrow eastward thence to Brideswell thence out on the Exe up along the Exe to Screawlegh lake and Screawlegh thereto even from Athelstans home ford, from the ford to Fulford and four fields west of the Exe over against Elferths old land

✠ I Æthelstan King of the Angles have concluded this gift with the sign of the holy Cross.

✠ I Eadmund Etheling have consolidated.

✠ I Wulfhelm archbishop have agreed

✠ I Theodred bishop have united

✠ I Brihtelm bishop have subscribed

✠ I Elfheah bishop have favoured.

✠ I Ethelgar bishop have consolidated.

✠ Æthelstan Duke

✠ Ælfhere Duke

✠ Eadmund Duke

✠ Odda Thane

✠ Wihtbord Thane.

✠ Heremod Thane

✠ Wihtlaf Thane

✠ Ælfhere Thane.

+ Hanc domicę incarnationis dedicę. indicę et
dabo pretiosa pensiunculatione et exercitatione
ubi incolis necessitas occasione dō testante mapis admonitus
tate ecclesiae. et habeat quadriu christianae religionis
peripsimis qq. et obsecrans indi omipotis nomine et
nullius hominis in aliq tempore cuiusis sit potestas
et inconcussa permanente. Sicut aliqs hoc in

Ego ædelstan rex anglorum
cum meis primis qui
gente anglorum manent.
confirmo honore. ut
et munere. Sed stabilis
ac tempore confirmatione.

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cumb panon on cinzęg. ploh panon anlang pęgęg to þęm męgen stane
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anlang hrýczęg. to dęqre topid burh middeweardre panon on brýde
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+ Ego ædelstan rex anglorum meū donū cū signo sanctę crucis confirmauī.
+ Ego eadmund indelis clerc conpolidauī.
+ Ego pulphelm archiepis adquieui.
+ Ego heodred epis coadunauī. + ædelstan dux. + pihtbold mī.
+ Ego brihtelm epis subscripsi. + ælfhere dux. + hiquemod mī.
+ Ego ælfheah epis fauī. + eadmund dux. + pihtlaf mī.
+ Ego ædelzar epis conpolidauī. + oddar mīr. + ælfhere mī.

I.

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II

ÆTHELSTAN A.D. 938.

✠ ANNO ab incarnatione dominicæ DCLXX indictione XI. Ego æSelstan rex anglorum debo pro æterna retributione et pro expiatione animæ meæ quinque cassatos ubi incolæ nocent culmatocæ deo et sanctæ mariæ matri et sancto petro principi apostolorum ad monasterium quod ab incolis nominatur exancaster ut habeat quamdiu fides catholica in gente anglorum manet precipimus quoque et obsecramus in dei omnipotentis nomine et in sanctæ trinitatis honore ut nullus homo in aliquo tempore unquam hanc nostram donationem infringere ausus sit. Sed stabilis sit coram deo et hominibus usque in sæculum. Si quis autem hoc in aliquo frangere vel minuere tentaverit sciat se in æterna dampnatione puniri nisi hic celeriter emendet. Hæc sunt termini hæc sunt. Erest on hacapenn forepeard adun on secgpyll þanon on eradnæc þonne anlang streames on culumford of þæm forde to þorupylle þanon to hryðpylle þanon to þære æcilpan æc þanon anlang hæcpoðes on hæanhangran middepeaðe þanon on hpitan beoch þanon on gerihtne on feagel þanon on gerihtne to Sam caldan gepeorce þanon on hyriehangran þonne up on gyram torr þanon on þone hyðrfel þanon on þone þorn þanon on peonnynet eastepeard þanon ongerihte on þa hæc adun on culum up of culum on Sa caldan hæc on burhgeardes þorNg þanon ongerihtne to rancumb þanon þest on gerihtne be eege on hacapenn forepeardne.

✠ Ego æSelstan rex anglorum hanc meam donationem cum sigillo sanctæ crucis impressi.
✠ Ego eadmund indolis clito consensi.
✠ Ego pulfhelm archiepiscopus dictami.

✠ Egoælfheah episcopus adquiem.	✠ pulfgar dux	✠ pulfhelm minister
✠ Ego æSelgar episcopus notam	✠ ælfhere dux.	✠ ælfheah minister
✠ Ego brihtelm episcopus fam	✠ æSelstan dux.	✠ æSelferN minister
✠ Ego þynsige episcopus conclusi.	✠ odda minister.	✠ þihtgar minister.

II.

ÆTHELSTAN A.D. 938.

✠ IN the year of the Dominical Incarnation 670 the 11th Indiction I Athelstan King of the Angles will give for the eternal retribution and for the expiation of my soul 5 cassates where the inhabitants call Culmstock to God and St. Mary and also to St Peter the prince of the apostles at the monastery which is named by the inhabitants Exeter that it may have as long as the Catholic faith endure among the people of the Angles. We command also and entreat in the name of Almighty God and the honour of the Holy Trinity that no man at any time ever dare to infringe this our grant. But be it stable before God and men for ever. If however, any one shall attempt to infringe or diminish it in any way let him know that he will be punished by eternal damnation unless he here shall quickly make amends. The boundaries of this estate are these. First to Hakepen forward down to Sedgewell, thence to Crodock thence along stream to Underford from the ford to Thunwell thence to Bridewell, thence to the oak oak thence along the army-path to Heanhanger midward thence to Whitelony thence right to Fengel thence right to the old work thence to Burhanger down up to marshy ford, thence to the whirlpool, thence to the thorn; thence to Pennynet eastward, thence right to the lakes, down to Culum, up from Culum to the old lake in Burhgeard's worthy thence right to Rancumb thence west right on by Ege forward to Hakepen.

✠ I Athelstan King of the Angles have impressed this my grant with the sign of the holy cross.
✠ I Edmund Ætheling have consented.
✠ I Wulfhelm Archbishop have advised.

✠ I Elfheah Bishop have acquiesced.	✠ Wulfgar duke	✠ Wulfhelm thane
✠ I Ethelgar Bishop have noted.	✠ Elfhere duke	✠ Elfheah thane
✠ I Brihtelm Bishop have favoured.	✠ Athelstan duke	✠ Athelferth thane
✠ I Wynsige Bishop have concluded.	✠ Odda thane	✠ Wihtgar thane

+ Anno ab incarnatione domini dcl.xc. indictione. Ego Aedelfrannus rex anglorum
dabo pro mea retributione et pro redemptione animæ meæ quinque carratos ubi incolæ uo
cantur culumstoce. do etiam eisdem quæ nec ecclesiæ pro principali loco admonasterium quod
ab incolis nominatur Eccleceastre. in habitatur quia diu fides catholica in gente anglorum
manebat. Peripsum quoque et omnes indiscriminatim omnes et omnes honore. ita nullo
homo in aliquo tempore. unquam hanc meam donationem infringere aut irrumpere. Sed stabilis sit
condonatio et hominibus usque in finem. Si quis autem hoc in aliquo fraudare et minuere tentaverit.
Sciat se in extrema damnatione puniri. nisi celeriter emendet. huius regis omnium hæreditas. et ecclesiæ
on hac apenn forestead adun on ðrecsyll panon on eradnicapon anlang stanemeg oncu
lum forð oppan forðe to horn pylle panon to bryd pylle panon to hæpe. on lipan æc panon
anlang hæmpedeg on heanhamm mudde eastanbæc panon aulupe aulbæc panon ongeulbæc
on ðrengel panon ongeulbrene to dam ealdan geweorce panon on lytcheangran pon up ongyran
to ryn panon on hone hryðrel panon on hone horn panon on þæm mynte eastweard panon
ongeulbæc on ha lace adun on culu up on culu on da ealdan lace on burhgeatide. þeodeg pa
non ongeulbrene to pancab panon þæt ongeulbrene be east on hac apenn forestead ne.
+ Ego Aedelfrannus rex anglorum hanc meam donationem cum signo sancti crucis impressi.
+ Ego Eadmund indolis clericus. consensi.
+ Ego Wulfhelm archiepiscopus dictavi.
+ Ego Alfheah episcopus Adquietavi. + Wulfgar dux. + Wulfhelm miles.
+ Ego Aedelgar episcopus. Notavi. + Alfhere dux. + Alfhiah miles.
+ Ego Brihthelm episcopus Favi. + Aedelfran dux. + Aedelfriðe miles.
+ Ego Wynfrith episcopus Consensi. + Odda miles. + Brihtgar miles.

Carta de Columbo.

II.

Regis æNelstani donatio qalumstoc.

Carta adhelstani Regis de Columstoke et Willielmus Episcopus Ecclesiam appropriat.

to culumstoce

Carta de Columstoke.

II.

King Æthelstan's gift of Culmstock.

Charter of King Æthelstan concerning Culmstock and Bishop William appropriates the church.

At Culmstock

Charter of Culmstock

III.

ÆTHELSTAN. A.D. 938.

✠ ANNO dominicę incarnationis DCLXX Indictione · XI. Ego æðelstan rex totius brýttanniç insulę dabo pro ęterna retributione et pro expiatione animæ meę unum cassatum in loco ubi ab incolis uocitatur æt nýpantune deo et sancto confessori petroco · ad monasterium eiusdem sancti ut habeat quamdiu fides catholica in gente aoglorum permaneat. Precipimus et obseramus in dei omnipotentis nomine et in sanctæ trinitatis honore · ut nullus hominum in aliquo tempore unquam ausus fuerit hanc nostram donationem minuere aut frangere in aliquo · sed semper stabilis et inconcussa permaneat tam deo quam hominibus usque in æternum tempus. Si quis autem hoc minuere temptauerit sciat se coram deo et sanctis eius rationem reddituram · nisi hic prius celeriter emendet coram idoneis testibus. Huius agellhli termini hi sunt. Þis sind þa landgemæro to nýpantune. Œrest on pudaford · þonne upp on stream uð þone lýttan broc · þonne andlang broces oð hæsdmores heafod · þonne on gerihte suð ofer dune to loddan broces æpýlman · þonne adune on loddan broces stream oð toric · þonne upp on toric stream eft to pudaforda.

+ Ego æðelstan rex anglorum hanc nostram donationem signo crucis impressi.
+ Ego eadmund indolis elito consilium dedi.
+ Ego pulfhelm archiepiscopus consolidaui.
+ Ego þeodred episcopus subscripsi.
+ Ego ælfheah episcopus adquieui.
+ Ego brihthelm episcopus consensi
+ Ego eadhelm episcopus fauí.
+ Ego æþelgar episcopus conclusi.

+ æðelstan dux.
+ ælfhere dux.
+ eadmund dux.
+ eðelse dux.
+ odda minister.

+ þihtmund minister.
+ æðelmod minister.
+ deormod minister.
+ pulfgar minister.
+ osulf minister.

III.

ÆTHELSTAN [A.D. 938.]

✠ IN the year of the Dominical Incarnation 670, the 11th indiction. I Æthelstan King of the whole island of Britain will give for eternal retribution and for the expiation of my soul one cassate in the place where it is called by the inhabitants at Newton to God and the holy confessor Petroc at the monastery of the same Saint that it may have it as long as the catholic faith shall endure among the people of the Angles. We command and entreat in the name of Almighty God and the honour of the Holy Trinity that no man at any time ever dare to diminish or infringe this our grant in any thing, but that it may remain steadfast and unshaken as well to God as to men for all time. If, however, any one shall attempt to infringe or diminish it, let him know that he will have to render an account before God and his saints unless he speedily make amends before proper witnesses. The boundaries of this little estate are these. These are the land-marks at Newton. First on Woodford, then up stream as far as the little brook, then along the brook to Reedmoor's head, then straight south over the down to Loddbrook's sprung-head, then down Loddbrook stream to Torridge, then up Torridge stream again to Woodford.

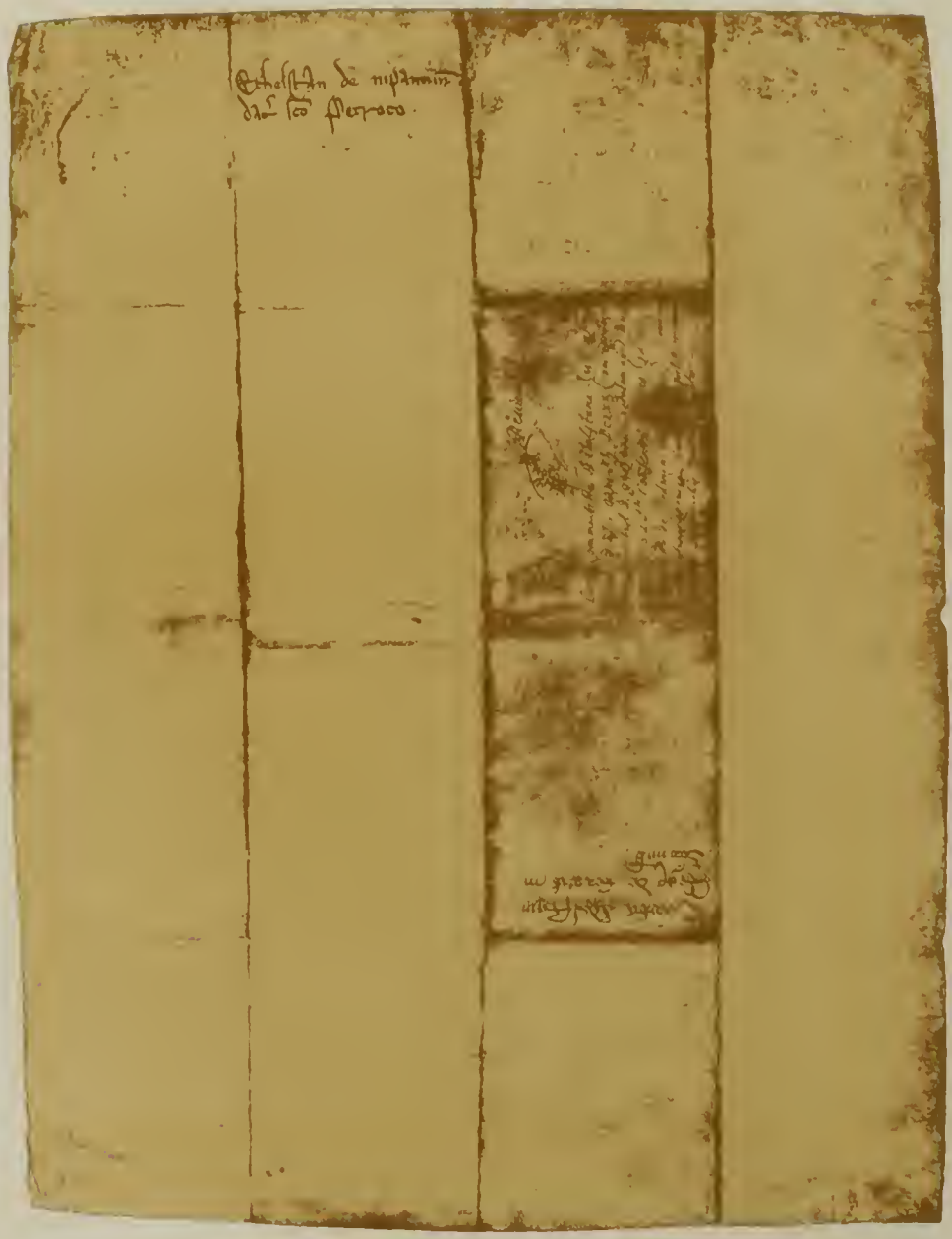
+ I Æthelstan King of the Angles have impressed this our gift with the sign of the Holy Cross.
+ I Eadmund Æthling have given advice.
+ I Wulfhelm Archbishop have consolidated.
+ I Theodred Bishop have subscribed.
+ I Ælfheah Bishop have acquiesced.
+ I Brihthelm Bishop have consented.
+ I Eadhelm Bishop have favoured.
+ I Æthelgar Bishop have concluded.

+ Æthelstan Duke.
+ Ælfhere Duke.
+ Eadmund Duke.
+ Æthelse Duke.
+ Odda Thane.

+ Wihtmund Thane.
+ Æthelmod Thane.
+ Deormod Thane.
+ Wulfgar Thane.
+ Osulf Thane.

† Anno dominicæ incarnationis dclxx. Indict. vi. Ego Æðelstan rex totius Britanniæ insulæ dabo pro primæ retributione et pro expiatione animæ meæ unum castratum in loco ubi ab incolis vocitatur Æt Nypan tune do et sæo conferro petroco ad monasterium Cruðern ut habeat quamdiu fides catholica in gente anglorum permaneat. Præcipimus et obtestamus in dei omnipotentis nomine et in sæ quinitatis honore ut nullus hominum in aliquo tempore unquam ausus fuerit hanc nisam donationem minuere aut prangere in aliquo. sed semper stabilis et inconcussa permaneat tam deo quam hominibus usque in æternum tempus. Siquis autem hoc munus in aliquo prangere vel minuere tentaverit sciat se coram deo et sancis eius rationem reddituum. nisi hic prius celeriter emendet coram idonis testibus. Huius agellulli termini hi sunt. Þis sind þa landgeimæro to nypancunt. Æriest on þriðuforð. þonne upp on fleam oð þone lyttlan broc. þonne andlang broces oð hredmoneres hreafod. þonne on gehwitre sud oferi dune to loddan broces æþelman. þonne adune on loddan broces fleam oð tonic. þonne upp on tonic fleam eft to þriðuforda.

† Ego Æðelstan rex anglorum hanc nisam donationem signo crucis impressi.
† Ego Eadmund indolis clito consilium dedi.
† Ego Wulfhelm archiepis consolidavi.
† Ego Brodred episc subscripsi. † Æðelstan dux. † Wihtmund mil.
† Ego Elfheah episc adquievi. † Elfhere dux. † Æðelmod mil.
† Ego Brihthelm episc consensi. † Eadmund dux. † Deormod mil.
† Ego Eadhelm episc favi. † Æðelric dux. † Wulfgar mil.
† Ego Æþelgar episc concluvi. † Coda min. † Oswulf mil.



III.

Ethelstan de Niwantun dato sancto Petroco.

Carta Æthelstani Regis de terris in Cornubia.

III.

Ethelstan concerning Newton given to St. Petroc.

Charter of King Æthelstan concerning lands in Cornwall.

IV.

EADGAR. A.D. 951

✠ IN onomate christi. Anno dominice incarnationis · DCCCCLI. EGO EADGAR REX totius brýttannie insule fauente deo huic meo fideli homini qui ab infantuli etate nomen accepit æÞelnoÞ aliquam ruris particulam donabo id est unam mansam ubi ruriculi incitant clýst þicon in perpetua hereditate ut ipse uita comite habeat et post obitum cuicumque libuerit intimare dereliquat. Sit autem predictum rus liberum ab omni seculari seruitio excepto communi labore quod notum est cunctis. Et si quis amodo hanc nostram donationem amouerit sciat se deo contra iturum ire non mihi quia ab illo potestatem accepi. His mutis prefatum rus hinc indeo gýratur. Eryst up of clyst on Þa caldan dic · of street on siegan mores heatod · þanon on þa caldan dic on grendel up anlang grendel on þone caldan ford · þanon on þiðig Þyfel · þanon on Þa caldan dic · þanon on grendel of þa reade clýf · þanon on blindan þýll · þanon on clæan splott suðe þeardne · þanon on gerihte on þone stan beorh · þanon þest rihte on Þone caldan þeg · fram þam caldan þege on þa caldan þyrnan · þanon þest seest rihte ofer Þone mor on þone þeg on suð healfe þere langan dic · þanon on grendel · þanon on þa þiðig raje þanon forð eft on grendel · þanon on clyst Scripta est hec cartula anno dominice incarnationis DCCCC · His testibus consentientibus quorum nomina inferius notantur.

+ EGO EADGAR REX anglorum concessi.
+ EGO dunstan archiepresul corroborani.
+ EGO oscytel archiepiscopus confirmauo
+ EGO osulf consolidani.
+ EGO brihtelm adquieui
+ EGO alfpold consensi
+ EGO cadelm conclusi.

+ EGO æÞelpold abbas
+ EGO ælfhere dux.
+ EGO ælfeah dux
+ EGO æþelstan dux
+ EGO æÞelpohl dux.
+ EGO eadmund dux

+ EGO ælfgar minister
+ EGO ælfrine minister.
+ EGO brihtferð minister.
+ EGO æÞelsige minister
+ EGO ælfsige minister
+ EGO osferþ minister.

IV.

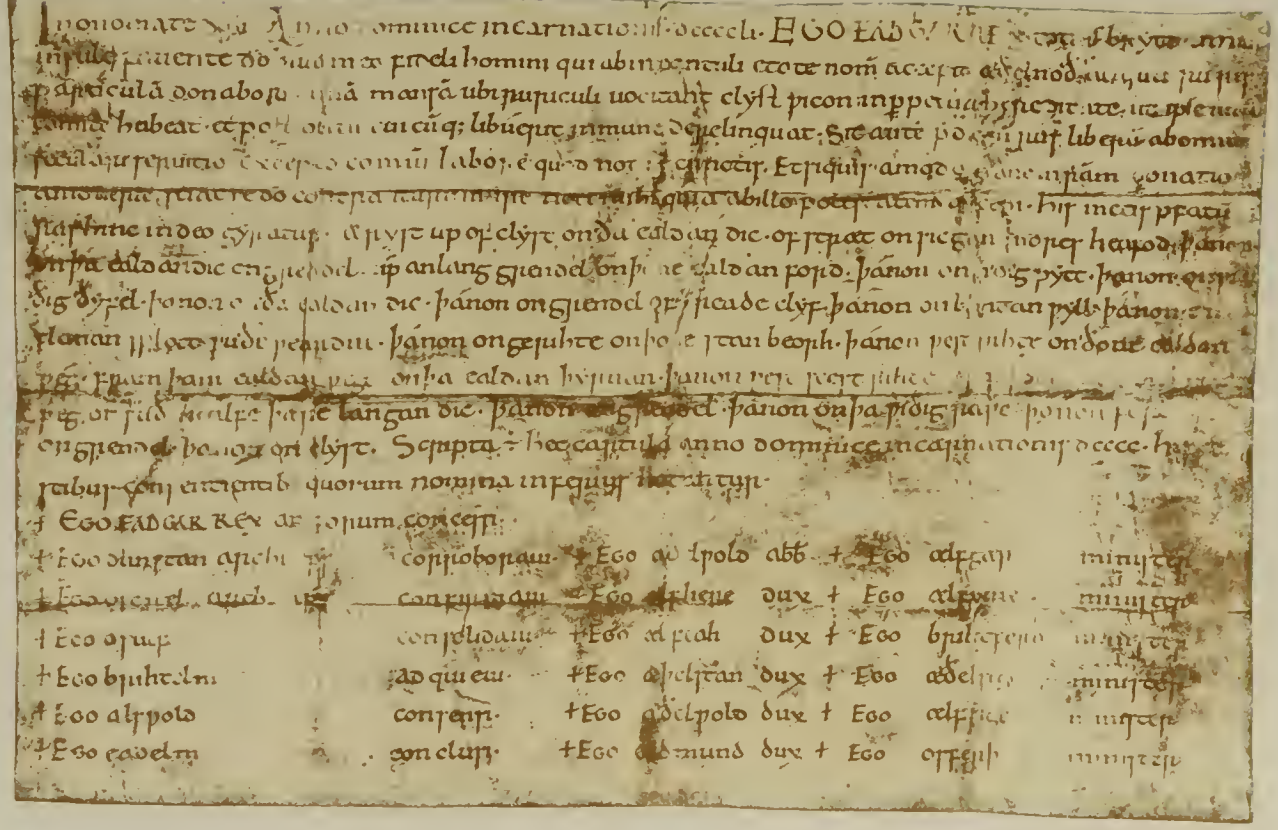
EADGAR. A.D 951.

✠ IN the name of Christ. In the year of the Dominical Incarnation 951. I Eadgar by the favour of God King of the whole island of Britain will give to this my faithful man, who from the age of infancy has received the name of Æthelnoth, a certain parcel of land, that is one hide, which the country people call Clystwic, in perpetual inheritance that he may have it during life and after death may leave it free to whomsoever he shall wish. Let the aforesaid land moreover be free from all secular service, except the common labour which is known to all And if any one hereafter shall take away this our gift, let him know that he is going to go against God and not me because from him I have received power The aforesaid land is surrounded on either side by these bounds. First up from Clyst to the old dyke from the street to Sedgemoor's head; thence to the old dyke on the grindle, up along the grindle to the old ford; thence to the withy bed, thence to the withy bush, thence to the old dyke thence to the grindle of the red cliff, thence to the blind well, thence to the clean "splott" southward, thence right on to the stone barrow thence west right on to the old way from the old way to the old thorn; thence west west" right over the moor to the way on the south side of the long dyke, thence to the grindle thence to the withy row thence forward again to the grindle thence to Clyst. This charter was written in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 900, these witnesses consenting whose names are noted beneath.

+ I Eadgar King of the Angles have granted.
+ I Dunstan Archbishop have corroborated.
+ I Oscytel Archbishop have confirmed
+ I Osulf have consolidated
+ I Brihtelm have acquiesced.
+ I Alfwold have consented.
+ I Eadelm have concluded

+ I Athelwold Abbot.
+ I Ælfhere duke
+ I Ælfeah duke.
+ I Æthelstan duke
+ I Æthelwold duke
+ I Edmund duke.

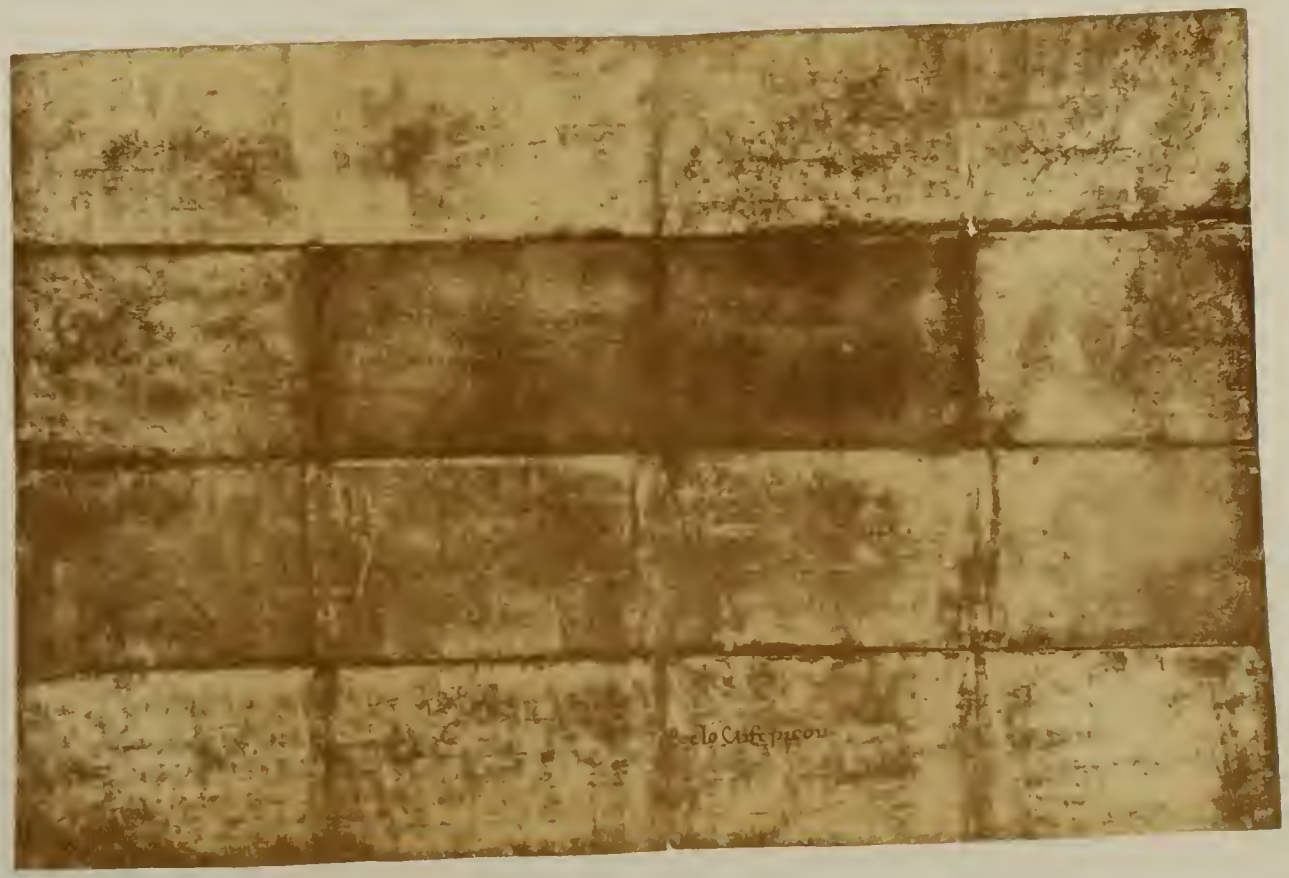
+ I Elfgar thane.
+ I Elfwine thane.
+ I Brihtferth thane
+ I Æthelsige thane
+ I Elfsige thane
+ I Osferth thane



Anno dominice incarnationis dccccli. EGO EADGAR REX totius Britannie insulae prudente deo iudicio predii hominis qui ab incolis ecclesie nomen accepit aet Cynodunum iuxta Pirigi apricula donabo ipsa mansa ubi pauculi uocitant clystl picon in pperiuadi ipsi et ut ita plenissime libertatem habeat et potestatem eam cum omnibus libertatibus et immunitatem de quelinquat. Sed ante id ipsum iuxta libertatem abominabilem pecunia excepto communi labore et quod nos : ; appellant. Et si quis antea quam hanc donationem [illegible] contra hanc [illegible] quia ubi to potest [illegible] episcopi. Hic incipit prata quae sunt in eo ipsum atque. Et primus up of clyst on da ealdan dic. of treat on ricgan mores heapod. panon on pa ealdan dic on griendel. up anlang griendel on pone ealdan porid. panon on rosc pyrt. panon on pig dyrd. panon on da ealdan dic. panon on griendel of ficade clyf. panon on bricran pyll. panon on flonan pyll. of to pudi pepidon. panon on gepuhte on pone treon beorh. panon west pihce on done ealdan weg. [illegible] on pa ealdan hrinan. panon west west pihce [illegible] weg. of pid heolfe pape langan dic. panon on griendel. panon on pa pidig pape. panon pe on griendel. panon of clyst. Scripta et haec capitula anno dominice incarnationis dccce. hii testibus confirmantibus quorum nomina infeguntur et cruces.

+ Ego EADGAR REX totius Britanniae concessi.

+ Ego dunstan archi	consecraui.	+ Ego ad elfold abb	+ Ego aelfgar	minister		
+ Ego wulfstan archi	confirmauit	+ Ego aelfhere	dux	+ Ego aelfwine	minister	
+ Ego oswald	consolidauit	+ Ego adelfeah	dux	+ Ego brihtnoth	minister	
+ Ego brihtelm	ad quem eum	+ Ego aelfstan	dux	+ Ego aedelric	minister	
+ Ego aelfwold	confirmauit	+ Ego aedelwold	dux	+ Ego aelfric	minister	
+ Ego eadelm	confirmauit	+ Ego aedmund	dux	+ Ego offegisl	minister	



IV.

Þis ys þære hyde land boc þe eadgar cing
gehocode æðelnoðe his þegne on ece yrfe

Boc To Clistþicon

IV

This is the deed of the hide of land that King Eadgar
registered to Æthelnoth his thane in perpetual
inheritance

Deed at Clistwic

V.

EADGAR. A.D. 960.

✠ REGNANTE imperpetuum domino nostro iesu christo. Diuersorum decretorum mortalium traditiones ac uicissitudines temporum sub testimonio carraxature commendande sunt ne successura posteritatis prosapia in falsitatis uoraginem et ignorantie nebulam demergatur. Qua de re ego eadgar regali fretus dignitate aliquam ruris portiunculam meo fideli ministro uocabulo eanulf satis deuote impendere curaui · id est · IX. cassatos in loco ubi dicitur tipanhul · et alibi duas mansas quo uocitatur bodeudan · ut liberam potestatem habeat habendi et donandi uel cuicumque heredi uoluerit relinquendi. Sit uero predictum rus ab omni seculari grauedine expers nisi expeditione et arcis munitione pontisque constructione. Quicumque hoc decretum minuere seu transmutare satagerit noscat se reum esse in die iudicii coram christo et sanctis eius nisi hoc digna satisfactione emendauerit. Huius quoque donationis scedula anno dominice incarnationis · DCCCC · LX · indictione · III. Carraxata est et his testibus roborata quorum nomina subtus litteralis depicta cernuntur

+ Ego eadgar rex hanc meam donationem confirmauı.
+ Ego dunstan episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego oskytel episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego byrhthelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego alfpold episcopus consensi et subscripsi
+ Ego byrhthelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego kynesige episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego osulf episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego apulf episcopus consensi et subscripsi
+ Ego ælfhere dux consensi.
+ Ego ælfgar consensi.
+ Ego ælfheah dux consensi.
+ Ego byrhtferp consensi.
+ Ego æþelstan dux consensi
+ Ego æþelpold dux consensi.
+ Ego eadmund dux consensi
+ Ego byrhtnoþ dux consensi
+ Ego ælfpine consensi.
+ Ego eadric minister consensi
+ Ego kynerie minister consensi.
+ Ego ælfsige minister consensi
+ Ego ealdred minister consensi
+ Ego ordgar minister consensi.
+ Ego æþelpeard minister consensi

Confinia huius agelluli hæc sunt · Erest on þen altung þonne on þa caldan dic on þæt cristelmæl of þam cristelmæle on þelentines get þanon on linfos of linfos on stream to hryd þorpig þanon on munneuno þanon to earnperan of earnperan to earnþelm þanon on þa caldan street to beþeýpre þanon forþ on street to dofen soðo þanon on þeg on cofer fros þanon on stream to see on noneuie

V.

EADGAR. A.D. 960.

✠ OUR Lord Jesus Christ reigneth for ever. The traditions of the various decrees of mortals and the vicissitudes of the times should be committed to the testimony of writing, lest the succeeding race of posterity be plunged in the whirlpool of falsehood and the obscurity of ignorance. Wherefore I, King Eadgar, relying upon the royal authority have sufficiently, devotedly, taken care to bestow upon my faithful thane, by name Eanulf, a certain small portion of land that is ten cassates in the place which is called Tipanhulæ and elsewhere two manses, where it is called Bodeudan, that he may have free power of having and bestowing or leaving it to whatsoever heir he may please. Moreover let the aforesaid land be exempt from all secular burden, except army service, castle ward and bridge building. Whoever shall endeavour to diminish or transmute this decree let him know that he will be arraigned on the day of judgment before Christ and his saints unless he here make satisfactory amends. The schedule also of this grant is written in the year of the Lord's incarnation 960, the 3rd indiction and confirmed by these witnesses, whose names are seen represented in little letters below

+ I Eadgar King have confirmed this my grant
+ I Dunstan bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Oskytel bishop have consented and subscribed.
+ I Byrhthelm bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Alfwold bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Byrhthelm bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Kynesige bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Osulf bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Athulf bishop have consented and subscribed
+ I Elfhere duke have consented.
+ I Elfgar have consented
+ I Elfheah duke have consented
+ I Byrhtferth have consented
+ I Æthelstan duke have consented
+ I Athelwold duke have consented
+ I Eadmund duke have consented
+ I Byrhtnoth duke have consented
+ I Elfwine have consented
+ I Eadric thane have consented
+ I Kynerie thane have consented
+ I Elfsige thane have consented
+ I Ealdred thane have consented
+ I Ordgar thane have consented
+ I Æthelwend thane have consented

The boundaries of this little estate are these. Erest on Þen Altung, then on the old dyke to the crucifix from the crucifix to Welstanes gate, thence to Linfos, from Linfos on stream to Hryd worpig thence to Munneuno; thence to Earnperan, from Earnperan to Earnselm, thence on the old street to Bethyere; thence forward to the street at Dofen sothe, thence away to Cofer fros thence on the stream to the sea at Noneuie

+ Regnante in perpetuum deo in nomine ihu xpo. Diuersorum decretorum mortalium tradiciones iniquissimi temporum fub testimonio captiuantur commendantur
sunt ne successura posteritatis prosapia in palsiatos uoragine et ignorantie nebulam demergatur. Qua de re ego eadgar rex aliqua parua
portiuncula meo fideli ministro uocabulo eamulf sacris deuote impendere cupiuit id est .x. cassatos in loco ubi dicitur tipanihel. et alibi duas mansas quo uocatur
bod eidem ut liberum potestatem habeat habendi et donandi uel cui cumque heredi uoluerit relinquendi. Sit uero predictum prius ab omni secularium medine
expers nisi expeditione et arcis munitione pontisque constructione. Quicumque hoc decretum minuere seu turbare mutare satagerit noscat se reum esse in die iudicii
coram xpo et sanctis eius nisi hec digna satisfactione emendauerit. Huius quoque donationis scedula anno dominice incarnationis .dccc.lx. indictione .iii.
Cum testibus et his testibus roborata quorum nomina subtus licet uisu depicta cernuntur.

+ Ego eadgar rex hanc meam donationem confirmauui + Ego hynefige eps cs et subs + Ego byrhtgeriht cs + Ego eadric m consensi
+ Ego dunstan eps consensi et subscripsi + Ego osulf eps cs et subs + Ego elfhelm dux cs + Ego hyneric m consensi
+ Ego osfycel eps consensi et subscripsi + Ego aluif eps cs et subs + Ego aelfhelm dux cs + Ego aelfsige m consensi
+ Ego byrhthelm eps consensi et subscripsi + Ego aelfhere dux cs + Ego eadmund dux cs + Ego ealdred m consensi
+ Ego aelfwold eps consensi et subscripsi + Ego aelfgar cs + Ego byrhtnoth dux cs + Ego eadgar m consensi
+ Ego byrhthelm eps consensi et subscripsi + Ego aelfheah dux cs + Ego aelfwine cs + Ego aelfwiggar m consensi

Confirmatio huius cartulae haec fuerit. Ecce ompen aldeng homme on pa aldan die on pare cyrce elmal op pam curiadbuche on pelcmere go hanon on pam pos op pam pos on eriduum aelfwyn pongis hanon on mumuenno hanon to ceaster pynes op cumpham to cuenpolra hanon
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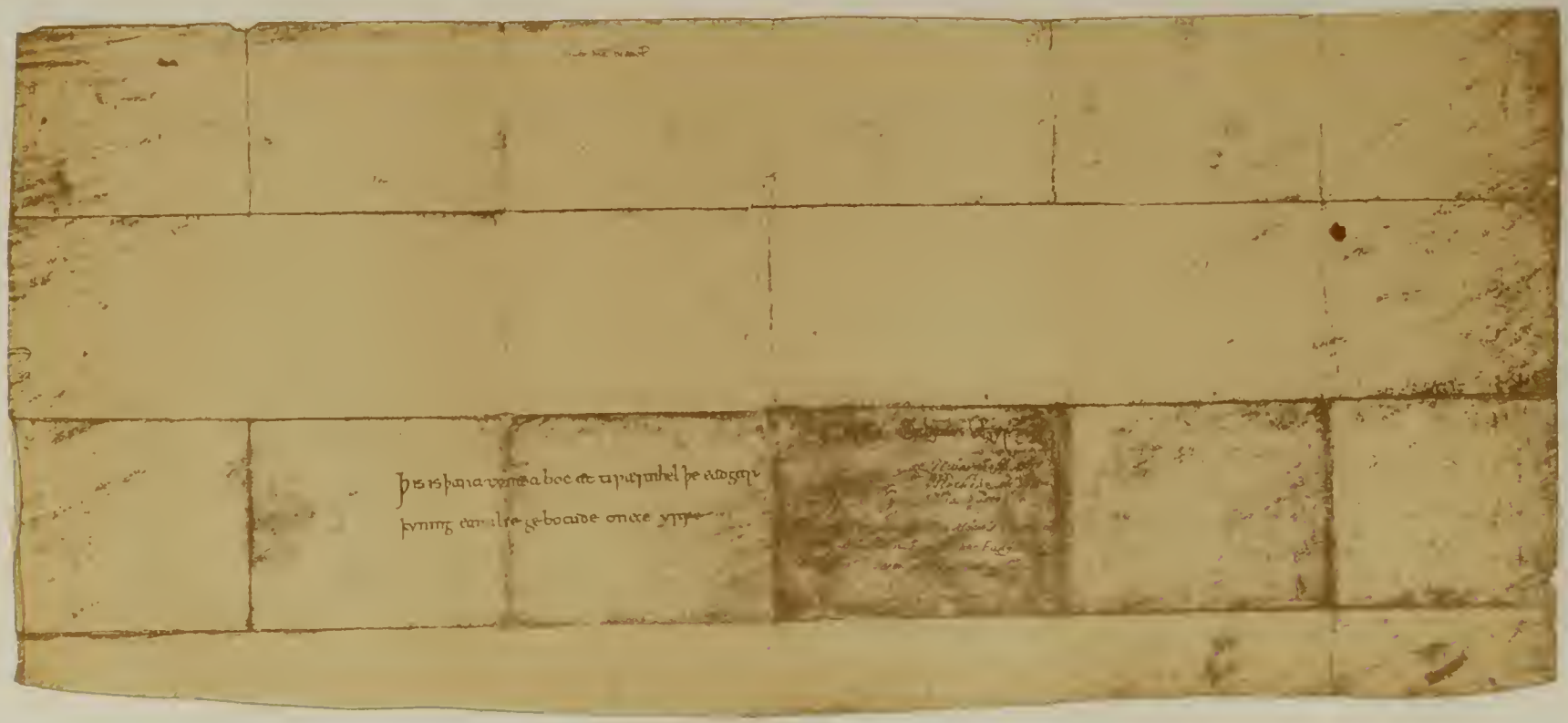


V

Þis is þara · ix. hida boc æt tiwernhel þe
eadgar kyning eanulfe geborcude on ece yrfe.

Carta Eadgari Regis

volt diem bokeiel

V.

This is the land book of the 9 hides at Tiwernhel
that King Eadgar thereby bestowed upon Eanulf
perpetual inheritance

Charter of King Eadgar

Bokeiel the day.

VI.

EADGAR. A.D. 967.

✠ REGNANTE INPERPETUUM DOMINO NOSTRO IHESU CHRISTO. Cunctis sophie studium ferme rimantibus stabili notum constat ratione quod presentis esentię periculis incubantibus et curis euanescentium rerum inopinate crebrescentibus humana mortalium rerum cognitio quasi ros mane elabitur et obliuioni tandundem traditur nisi aliqua certa ratione prenotetur quia non sunt æterna quę consumentur hic sed terrena. Idcо ego eadgar rex anglorum telluris gubernator et rector mei meo fideli uasallo nomine pulfnoð remuneant aliquam terre portionem id est · iii · mansas · concede liberaliter in æternum possessionem in Leu ubi uulgariter uocitatur · lesmanoc et pennarð ut illo predicto territorio noti compos uita perfruatur comite · et post obitum eius cui cumque voluerit heredi derelinquat tam in minimis quam in magnis campis pascuis · pratis siluis piscarisque iumentum ad fruendum derelinquat. Profatum siquidem rus omni scrutio careat pretor expeditionem pontis et arcis munimen.

+ Dis is þara iii. hida landegemæro æt lesmanoc. ærest up of þorðalæ andlang riðe agean stream to hryt eseit þonne suð ⁊ lang riðe to cronsrala þonne forð suð to cestell merit fram cestell merit to cruceou uereðen · þonne east ageribt to leim broum þonne to hryt eatwallon þonne adun andlang cendefriun oð þa lytlan riðe · þonne up andlang riðe to fontun gen fram fontun gen ⁊ lang dices to þam herepaðe þanon adan lythan dic to þam micelan dice þonne for on þa dic to fos no eclu þonne adun ⁊ lang riðe eft to perdalau · þonne is þis þæs ancres aceres landgemæro æt pennarð ærest fram suð ⁊ lang dic to þa riðe þonne andlang riðe eft on suð. Dominice incarnationis. Anno DCCCCLXVII nici imperii VII scripta est hec singrafa his testibus consentientibus quorum nomina esse uidetur.

+ EGO EADGAR gratia dei totus britannię telluris rex meum donum proprio sigillo confirmaui

EGO DUNSTANUS ARCHIPRESUL AGNE SANCTE CRUCIS IMPRESSI
EGO EDELþOLDUS EPISCOPUS CONTESTOR.
EGO ELUSTANUS EPISCOPUS CORROBORAUI.
EGO BYRHTELMUS EPISCOPUS ADQUIEUI
EGO ELFþOLDUS EPISCOPUS ANNUI.
EGO PULFSIG EPISCOPUS HANC CARTULAM DICTANTIS REGIS SUIS QUE PRECIPIENTIBUS PERSCRIBERE IUSSI.

EGO ELFHERE DUX TESTOR
EGO ELFHEAH DUX TESTOR
EGO EDESTAN DUX TESTOR
ORDGER DUX TESTOR
EGO ÆDELþINE DUX TESTOR

BYRHTNOD DUX TESTOR
BYRHTFERD MINISTER TESTOR
PULFSTAN MINISTER TESTOR
ÆDELþEARD MINISTER TESTOR
TOCE MINISTER TESTOR

ELFþine MINISTER TESTOR
OSFERD MINISTER TESTOR
ÆLFSIG MINISTER TESTOR
OSGER ABBAS TESTOR
ORDBYRHT ABBAS TESTOR.
Leofþine MINISTER TESTOR.

Supis uera hominum hanc meam donationem cum stultitię temeritate iactitando infringere certauerit sit ipse granibus per colla depressus catenis inter flammimonas tetrorum demonum cateruas nisi prius irrigatis penitentię gemitus et pura satisfactione emendauerit.

VI

EADGAR. A.D. 967

✠ OUR Lord Jesus Christ reigning for ever. It appears evident to all who diligently pursue the study of wisdom that amidst the dangers brooding over our present being and the unexpected and increasing cares of evanescent matters, human acquaintance with worldly affairs fading away vanishes like dew and is forgotten unless it be by some sure means noted down in time because it is not eternal things that are bestowed here but earthly things. Therefore I Eadgar King governor and ruler of the land of the Angles free grant in eternal possession to my faithful vassal by name Wulfnoth Rumuneant a certain portion of land that is three manses in the place where it is commonly called Lesmanoc and Pennarth, that he may enjoy it at his will during his life and after his death may leave to whatever heir he may wish to be freely enjoyed as well in very little as in great things, fields pastures, meadows, woods and fisheries. For indeed let this aforesaid land be free of all service save army service and defence of bridge and castle.

This is the land mark of the three hides at Lesmanoc. First up from Werthelau along the river against stream to Hrytescelt, then south along the river to Cronsrala thence forward south to Cestell merit from Cestell merit to Cruceouereden, then east over straight on to Leim broum then to Hryt eatwallon. Then down along Cendefriun as far as the little river. Then up along the river to Fontungen from Fontungen along the dike to the army path, thence over to the little dike to the great dike, then forth on the dike to Fosnoeclu then down along the river again to Werthelau. Then is this land mark of the one field at Pennarth. First from the south along the dike to the river then along the river again on the sea. In the year of the Dominical Incarnation 967 the 7th of my reign this deed was written. These witnesses consenting whose names appear to be

+ I Eadgar by the grace of God King of all the land of Britain confirm my gift with my own sign.

I Dunstan archbishop have impressed the sign of the holy Cross
I Æthelwold bishop call to witness
I Æthelstan bishop have corroborated
I Byrhtelm bishop have acquiesced
I Elfwold bishop have given assent
I Wulfsige bishop by the order of the King and at the command of his council have ordered this charter to be written out in full

I Elfhere duke witness
I Elfheah duke witness
I Æthelstan duke witness
Ordgar duke witness
I Æthelwine duke witness

Byrhtnoth duke witness
Byrhtferth thane witness
Wulfstan thane witness
Æthelward thane witness
Toce thane witness

Elfwine thane witness
Osferth thane witness
Ælfsie thane witness
Osger abbot witness
Oudbyrht abbot witness
Leofwine thane witness

If however any man with the richness of folly shall boastingly strive to infringe this my grant let him be pressed down with heavy chains about his neck amid the flame-vomiting roar of squalid demons unless with the refreshing groans of penitence he previously make amends and meet satisfaction.

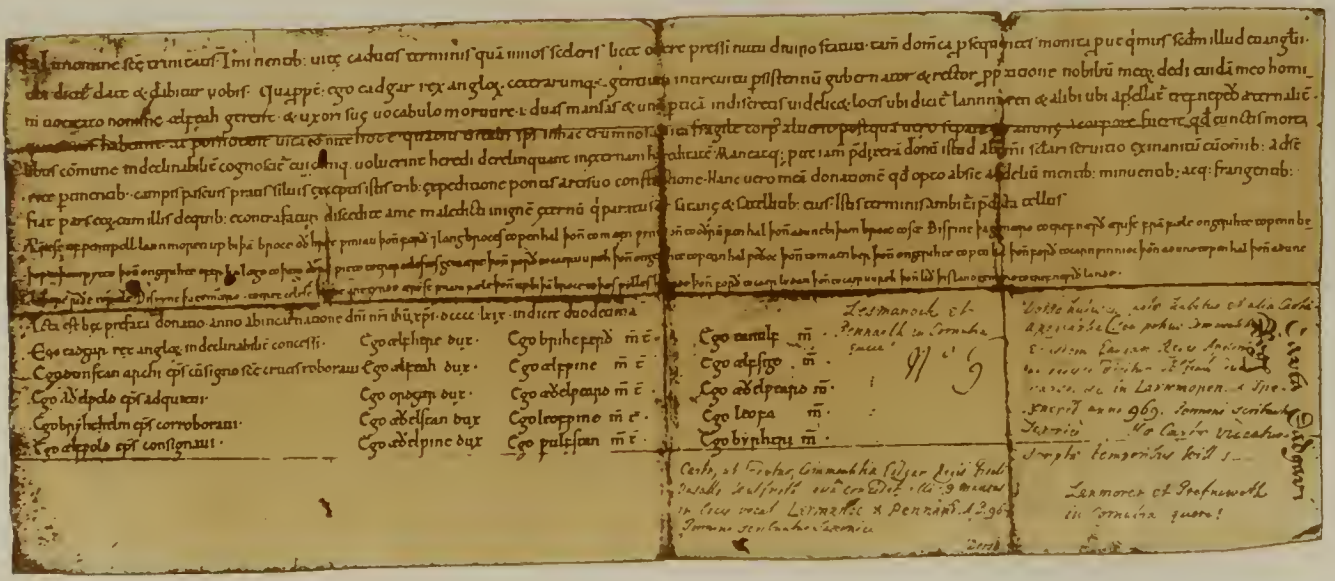
✠ Regnante inperpetuum dno nro ihu xpo. Cuncti sophie studium ferme rimantes. stabili notu constare ratione quod presentis etatis periculis incubantes. et cuiusquamque rerum inopinate crebrescentes humanis moralium rerum cognitio, quasi rosminuendo elabitur et obliuiom tundundem tradatur nisi aliqua certa ratione prenoscatur quia nonsunt aeternaque consumente hic sed terrena. Idō ego eadgar rex anglorū cellurisque gubernator et rector uni meo fideli uasallo nomine pulfnōd rumuncate aliqua terre portione idest ut mansis concedere liberaliter ingenuū possessione in loco ubi bulgarice uocatur lesmunā oc et penna apd utillo pdicto territorio uocatur composuit pruate comite et post obitum eius cui cumque uoluerit heredi derelinquat eum in minimis quam in magnis cum pascuis pratis siluis piscuriisque immune ad fruendū derelinquat prefatū siquidē rusticis seruitio carent preter expeditione ponts et arcis munimen.

✠ Dis ir papa an lida lanogemæqui ar lqmanaoc. æpiqc upeppopōd alap andlang pīde ...an sqicam cohpire cpele hon pūd ⁊ lang pīde cæqcousppah hon popōd pūd coceſcell ... cesfell mepic cæqucou mepeden hon case agenult colen bpomn hon cohpire cæ pallon hon adun andlang condeppuon ōd pa lrelan pīde hon up andlang pīde cæ ponton gen pra ponton gen ⁊ la... hepepade banon dan lrelan dic cohan midan dic cohan pop onpa dic cæpos nocedu hon adun ⁊ lang pīde cæ apgio alau hon is pis sesanes aceqes lanogemæqui ar pennapōd æpese ppā pæ ylangoic cospa pīde hon andlang pīde cæ onse. Dominice meditationis Anno dccccl xvii Indictione vii Anno scripta est hec ingrata his testib: consentientib: quorum nomina esse uidetur.

✠ Ego eadgar gra di totius britannie ellurisque rex meū donum pprio sigillo confirmauī.

Ego dunstanus archi presul adhesi cæqs impressi	Ego ælfhere	dux c	Byrhtnod	dux c	Ælfpine	m c	
Ego adelpolous eps contestor	Ego alfhelm	dux c	Byrhtferd	m c	Osferd	m c	
Ego alfstanus eps corroborauī	Ego adestan	dux c	pulfstan	m c	Alfsie	m c	
Ego byrhtellmus eps adquieui	Ordgar	dux c	Adelpeard	m c	Osgar	abbas c	
Ego alfpolous eps annui	Ego adelpine	dux c	Toce	m c	Ordbyrht	abbas c	
Ego pulfsie eps hanc cartulam dictantis rege suis que precipientib: pscribere iussi					Leoppine	m c	

Siquis uero hominū hanc meā donatione cum stultitie temeritate ausu temerario infringere certauerit sic ipse graui: pcolla depressus catenis inter ... immuom ascectorū demonum cateruis nisi prius urigum penitentie gemitus et puras satisfactione emendauerit.



Hæc est hæc præfata donatio anno ab incarnatione dni nri ihu xpi · dccc · lxix · indicte duodecima

Ego eadgar rex anglorum indeclinabile concessi · Ego alphere dux · Ego brihtelm pbr m c
Ego donscean archi epi cum signo sce crucis roborauit · Ego alfreah dux · Ego alfrine m c
Ego ædredo epi adquiesci · Ego oswald dux · Ego ædelward m c
Ego brihthelm epi corroborauit · Ego ædelstan dux · Ego leofrine m c
Ego ælfwold epi consignauit · Ego ædelwine dux · Ego pulfstan m c

Lesmanock et Penrhell in Cornubia facere

Ego earnulf m
Ego alfsige m
Ego ædelward m
Ego leofa m
Ego brynhtric m

Certe, et Frodor, Cornubiæ Vicar. Regis Fridwalli subscripsit, cum Ediet. Ille 9 mansas in loco vocat. Lesmanoc et Penrhan. A. 963. Simeon scriptor Dunelmensis

Dorset

Dotto hujus, nolo habitus et alia Cartæ Argentaria Ecclesiæ Sancti Petri in Lesmanoen. Sic in Lesmanoen. Simeon scriptor Dunelmensis anno 963. Simeon scriptor Dunelmensis. Ex Cartis Vincentius

Simeon temporibus Willi 1.

Lesmorex et Profnewell in Cornubia quere!

VI. d.

EADGAR. A.D. 969.

✠ In nomine sanctæ trinitatis. Innumerabilis omnipotentis terminis quam in nos sideris licet cuncti pressi nutu diuino statuti tamen dominica prosequentes monita prout quimus [illegible] euangelii ubi dicitur date et dabitur uobis. Quapropter ego eadgar rex anglorum ceterarumque gentium in circuito persistentium gubernator et rector pro petitione nobilium meorum dilectam meo homini nuncupato nomine aelfeah gerentem et uxori eius nuncupatæ mercure i. duas mansis et unam particam in discretis uidelicet locis ubi dicitur lanmoren et alibi ubi apellatur trefneweth æternaliter quatinus habeant ac possideant uita comite hac est quamdiu mitalis spiritus in hac erumnosa uita fragile corpus aluerit. postquam uero separatio animæ a corpore fuerit quod cunctis mortalibus euenire necesse est inclinabiliter ego secutur. cuicumque uolunt heredi derelinquant in æternam hereditatem. Maneatque prout iam predixeram donum istud ab omni secuari scrutio exmanitum cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus campis pascuis pratis siluis exceptis istis tribus expeditione pontis arcisue constructione. Hanc uero meam donationem quod opto absit a fidelium mentibus minuentibus atque frangentibus fiat pars eorum cum illis de quibus contra latur discredite a me maledicti in ignem æternum qui paratus est satanæ et satellitibus eius. Istis terminis ambitur predicta tellus.

Erest of penpall lanmoren up bi þam broce oð hæet piniau þonne forð slaug broces to penhal þonne to mæn fyan þonne to oðrum penhal þonne adune bi þam broce to sæ. Dis sint þa gemæro to trefnæræð ærist fram fæle on gerihte to penn bebeop to þam pytte þonne on gerihte ofer þa hæge to þam oðrum pitte to tref celestes gemære þonne forð to eaer uurch þonne on gerihte to pen hal pende þonne to mæenber þonne on gerihte to pen hal þonne forð to earn pinnioc þonne adune to pen hal þonne adune be þere ride to fæle. Dis synt þa gemæro to tref celest þere are gyrde æryst fram fæle þonne up bi þam broce to þæs pylles hæfde þonne forð to eaer hydan þonne to eayr uurch þonne lið þes landgemære to trefneþiðð lande.

Acta est hæc prefata donatio anno ab incarnatione domini nostri ihesu christi DCCCC LXIX indicit duodecima.

Ego eadgar rex anglorum indeclinabiliter concessi.	Ego adlfhere dux	Ego brihtferð minister testor.	Ego eanulf minister
Ego dunstan archiepiscopus cum signo sanctæ crucis roborauí.	Ego ælfeah dux.	Ego ælfpine minister testor.	Ego ælfsige minister
Ego æðelfold episcopus adquieui.	Ego ordgar dux	Ego æðelpeard minister testor.	Ego æðelpeard minister.
Ego hryhthelm episcopus corroboraui	Ego æðelstan dux.	Ego leofpine minister testor.	Ego leofa minister.
Ego ælfpold episcopus consignaui	Ego æðelpine dux.	Ego pulfstan minister testor.	Ego byrhtri minister.

Carta Eadgari Regis.

VI. d.

EADGAR. A.D. 969.

As the end of life rapidly draweth near as far as we are concerned who albeit weighed down by a load of sin have been by God appointed, let us as best we can follow the admonition of our Lord contained in that text where it is said "Give and it shall be given unto you." Wherefore I Eadgar King of the Angles, and of the other nations dwelling round about ruler and governor, at the petition of my nobles have given to my man called by name Elfeah Gerent and his wife by name Mercure—that is two hides and one perch in the several places, to wit, where it is called Lanmoren and elsewhere where it is called Trefneweth for ever, that they may have and possess them during life that is as long as the vital spirit shall nourish the frail body in this wretched life and after the separation of the soul from the body, which is known to be unavoidably common to all mortals, shall have taken place they may leave them to whatsoever heir they will in eternal inheritance. And let this grant remain as I have even now beforesaid, exempt from all secular service with all things to it of right appertaining, fields, pastures, meadows, woods, except these three, army service and the building of bridge or castle. To those diminishing or infringing this my grant may such a thing be absent from the minds of the faithful, be their portion with those to whom it is on the contrary spoken, "Depart from me ye wicked into the eternal fire which is prepared for Satan and his satellites." The aforesaid land is surrounded by these boundaries.

First from Penpall Lanmoren up by the brook as far as Hryt winan; then forward along the brook to Penhal then to Maen Pyrn, then to the other Penhal then down by the brook to the sea. These are the land marks at Trefneweth. First from Fale straight on to Penn Bethow to the pit, then straight on over the hea to the other pit at Tref Celestes land mark; then forward to Earnurch then straight on Penhal Wetlor then to Maenber then straight on to Penhal, then forward to Carnwinioc then down to Penhal, then down by the river to Fale. These are the land marks of the one yard-land at Trefcelest. First from Fale then up by the brook to the spring-head then forward to Caerlydan, then to Eayrurch; then hith this land mark at Trefneweth land.

This grant was made in the year from the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ 969—the 12th indiction.

I Eadgar king of the Angles have inflexibly granted	I Adlfhere duke.	I Brihtferth thane witness	I Eanulf thane
I Dunstan archbishop have strengthened with the sign of the holy cross.	I Elfeah duke	I Elfwine thane witness	I Elfsige thane
I Athelwold bishop have acquiesced	I Ordger duke	I Ethelweard thane witness	I Ethelweard thane
I Hythelm bishop have corroborated	I Ethelstan duke	I Leofwine thane witness	I Leofa thane.
I Elfwold bishop have signed	I Ethelwine duke	I Wulfstan thane witness	I Byrhtri thane

The Charter of King Eadgar

VII.

EADWEARD. A.D. 976.

IN NOMINE domini nostri ihesu christi saluatoris · Cuncta seculorum patrimonia · incertis successoribus · et notis uel ignotis heredibus relinquantur et uniuersi mundi gloria et populorum pompa supremo fati funere oblita et obliterata · repente terminatur · Id circo fuitiuis terrenarum rerum possessionibus et transitoria substantiarum stipe diuturnum cœlestis patrie emolumentum christo patrocinium prestante consequi studeamus · Qua propter · ego eadweard rex anglorum saxonum aliquam terre uam perticam · Id · est hyples eald land · meo fideli vasallo · ælfsige · in perpetuam hereditatem libere · ab omni regali censu concedo · cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus campis pratis siluis pascuis piscariisque exceptis tribus rebus expeditione et arcium et pontis constructione · et postquam uiam uniuersitatis adierit cuicumque uoluerit eam perpetua cyrographo · prefatam terram libenter derelinquat · Acta est autem hec donatio · Anno DCCCLXXVI · ab incarnatione domini · Indictione uero · v · concurrente · vi · epacte · xvii · vii · a uno cicli decem nouenalis · meique imperii · ii · anno in uilla que aruicenis uncupatur · pydelan. Is testibus consentientibus quorum nomina infra scripta esse uidentur · Ðis is ðere ar · gyrde land gemæro æt hyples eald lande · Erest fram ðrim staplan rihte iest oð gat þylle þanun iest ardlang ruan dune oð stanford of stanforda iest on lamford of lamforda iest on ðere peg · andlang þeges · on þa caldan die · suð andlang die · on hroces fen oð þær rise broc ut seyt ðanun suð riht · on ða greatan þale ofer midel hylle ðanun suð on ða caldan die andlang þere die oð ieccan stoc ðonne suð on ða caldan burh middeperde suð rihte oð eucan broc up andlang eucanbroces oð þær smæl riðe ut seyt up on smæl riðe oða æpylman ðanun þest on fryðestanes die þest on ða die oð rise broc up on rise broc oð þri stapulas ·

EGO eadpeard rex anglorum hoc donum cum triumpho agie sancte crucis impressi

EGO dunstanus archi presul confirmaui.
EGO æþelpaldus episcopus contestor.
EGO alfpoldus episcopus annui.
EGO pulfsie episcopus condici et subscripsi

EGO ælfere dux Testor.
EGO æþelpyne dux Testor.
EGO æþelperd dux Testor.
EGO leofpyne dux Testor.

EGO ælfpeard Minister.
EGO leofpyne Minister.
EGO byrhtmær Minister.
EGO alfgar Minister.

Quisquis igitur hoc nostrum donum conseruare immo augere inhiauter desiderauerit amplificetur dies illius · et post obitum transire mereatur feliciter ad regna polorum · Sin autem quod absit et deum et semet ipsum obliuiscendo aliquis notare temptauerit anathema sit.

VII.

EADWARD. A.D. 976.

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the Saviour. All the patrimonies of ages are left to uncertain successors and to known or unknown heirs and all the glory of the world and the pomp of peoples, forgotten and blotted out by the supreme obsequies of death are hastily brought to an end · Therefore, with the fleeting possessions of earthly things and the transitory alms of material substances, let us study Christ affording us protection to attain the enduring emolument of a heavenly home · Wherefore I Eadward King of the Anglo Saxons grant one certain perch of land that is Hyples old land to my faithful vassal Ælfsige in perpetual inheritance free from all royal tribute with all things to it of right appertaining fields, meadows, woods pastures and fisheries except three things army service and the building of castle and bridge, and after that he shall have gone the way of all flesh he may freely leave the aforesaid land to whomsoever he may will with a perpetual chirograph · Moreover this grant was made in the year from the Incarnation of our Lord 976, the 5th indiction, 6 concurrents, 17 epacts, the 8th year of the cycle of 19 years, the 2nd year of my reign in the town which is called by the countrymen Tydel. These witnesses consenting whose names are seen to be written below · This is the landmark of the one yard land at Hyples old land · First from the three staples right east as far as Goat well · then east along Ruan down as far as Stoneford · from Stoneford east on Lamford, from Lamford east on the way along the way on the old ditch · south along the dike on Hroesfen to where Rushbrook out-sheds · then south right on the great wale upon Mohlle hill; then south on the old ditch; along the ditch to Joestock · then south on the old barrow midward south right to Cuckbrook; up along Cuckbrook to where the small river out-sheds; up on the small river as far as the spring-head · then west on Fythestans dyke, west on the dyke to Rushbrook, up on Rushbrook to the three staples.

I Eadweard King of the Angles have impressed this grant with the triumph of the sacred, holy, Cross.

I Dunstan archbishop have confirmed.
I Æthelwold bishop have attested.
I Alfwold bishop have assented
I Wulfsie bishop have agreed and subscribed

I Ælfere duke witness
I Æthelwyne duke witness
I Æthelwerd duke witness.
I Leofwyne duke witness

I Ælfweard thane
I Leofwyne thane
I Byrhtmer thane
I Alfgar thane.

Whoever therefore shall eagerly desire to keep, yea, to increase this our gift may his days be prolonged and after his death, may he be deemed worthy to pass happily to the realms of heaven · But if however which God forbid, any one forgetful of God and himself should attempt to alter it, let him be accursed

IN NOMINE dni nri ihu xpi saluatoris. Cuncta seculorum patrimonia · incertos successoribus etiosi uel ignoti heredibus relinquuntur
transitoria mundi gloria et populorum pompa supremo patet funere obstra eccleste piacta · pierente consumitur. Locirco puritatis cerpenatum
precium possessionibus et transitorium subtrancitatum · prope diuitiarum celestis patrie emulamentum xpo patrocinium pietatis conpe
tendum. Quia propter · ego eadpeardo rex anglorum saxonum aliquam terrae unum pertica · to e hvplep eado land · meo fideli uuallo · aelfrige ·
in perpetuum hereditate libere · ab omni regali exactione concedo · cum omnibus rebus iure pertinentibus campis pratis siluis pascuis piscatura
excepta tribus rebus expeditione et instructione et pontis constructione · et propriam una uniuersitatis adiecit cuicumque voluerit cum perpetuo
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concurrente · vi · epacte · xvii · viii · anno cicli decem nouenalis · mens · impetrat · xii · anno · mulla quae ignorans nuncupatum · pydelan · s terrabus
contentientibus quorum nomina inferta presupta esse uidentur · Dis is dæge are gynde land gemæro æthypleg eado lande · æthelstan kyning · dis
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bruc upon ryge bruc of bru trapulas ·

Ego eadpeardus rex anglorum hoc donum cum triumpho agie scae crucis impressi ·

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Ego	athelwoldus	eps	confirmauit	·	Ego	athelwyne	dux t	·	Ego	leofwyne	o
Ego	alfwoldus	eps	annuit	·	Ego	athelweard	dux t	·	Ego	byrhtnoth	o
Ego	wulfsie	eps	edicti testes subscripsi	·	Ego	leofwyne	dux t	·	Ego	alfgar	o

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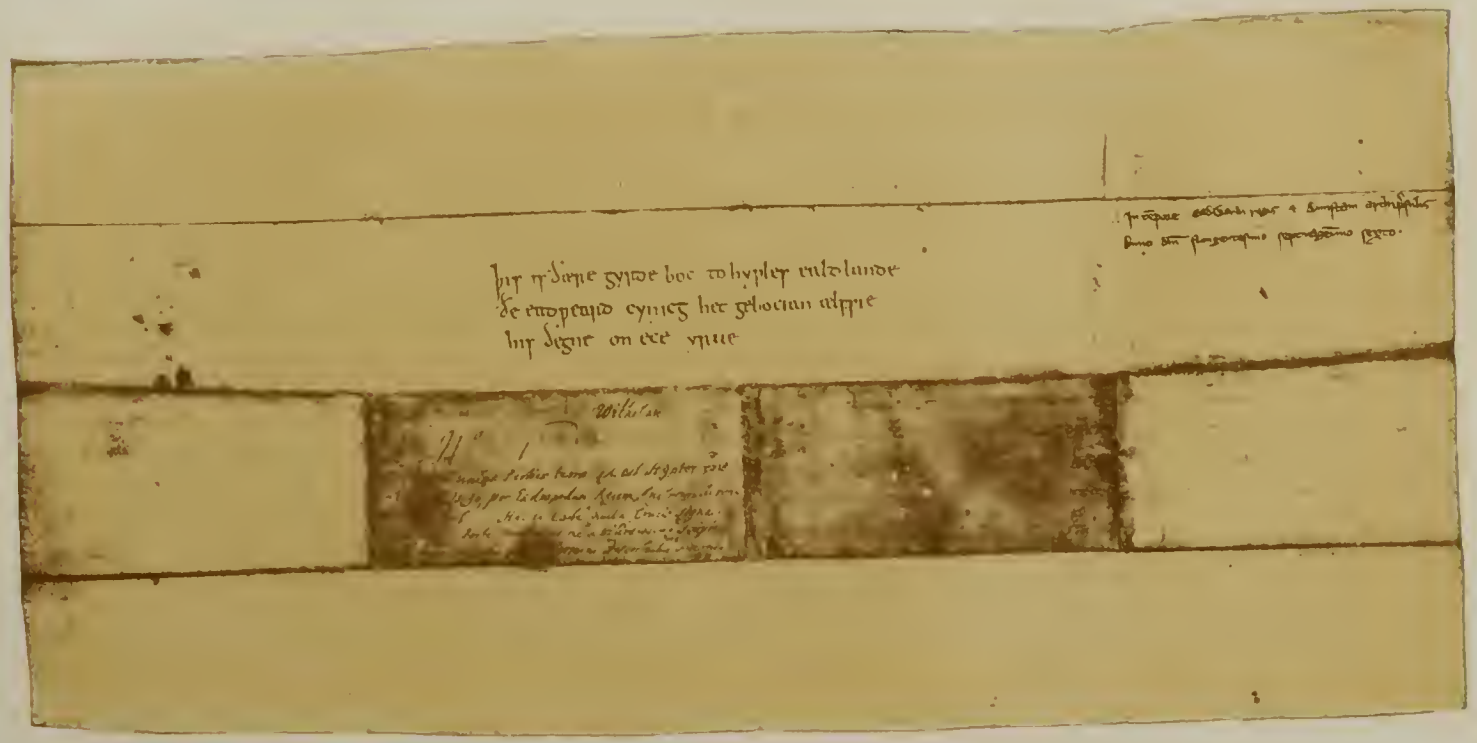

hic q̃ dicit gyldo hoc to hyplep cultolande
de europeyd cynicz her gelocian alpre
hic degne on ece yrue

VII.

þis is ðære gyrde boc to hyples cald lande ðe eadpeard cynieg het gehocian ælfsie his ðegne on ece yrue.

In tempore Eadwardi Regis et Dunstani Archipresulis Anno domini Nongentesimo septuagesimo sexto

VII

This is the deed of the yard-land at Hyples old land that King Eadward has registered to Elfsie his thane in perpetual inheritance

In the time of King Eadward and Archbishop Dunstan in the year of our Lord 976

VIII.

ÆTHELRED II. A.D. 994.

RECTOR : ALTI · POLORVM : CVLMINE . : adque architector summe fabricae aetherçe aule · ex nichilo quidem cuncta creauit · celum scilicet et terram et omnia quę in eis sunt : Candida quidem angelica agmina · solem lunam lucidaque astra et cetera que super firmamento sunt. Mundi autem fabricam inenarrabili disponens ordine ut genesis testatur et hominem vi^to die formauit ad similitudinem suam adam uidelicet quadriformi plasmatum materia · unde nunc constat genus humanum que in terris moratur et ima tetra larnarica latibula ubi et lucifer cum decimo ordine per superbiam de celo ruit. Sed et hoc inuidet pestifer chelidrus protoplastum adeo conditum intellexerat · ut hoc impleret a quo ipse miser et satelliti illius de celo proiecti sunt. Heu quidem boni creati sunt sed miserabiliter decepti. Ideoque inuidus zabulus totis uiribus homini inuidet suadet mulieri mulier uirum per suasionem adque per inobedientiam ambo decepti sunt fraudulenter per gustum pomi ligni uetiti adque amenitate paradisi deiecti sunt in hoc erumnoso seculo et letum sibi ac posteris suis promeruerunt adque in tetrum abissi demersi sunt. Sed hoc misericors et piissimus pater indoluit perire · tamdiu nobilem creaturam sui imaginem misertus est generi humano · misit uobis in tempore id est post quinque milia annorum proprium filium suum ut mundum perditum iterum renouaret · ut sicut mulier genuit mortem in mundo · ita per mulierem enixa est nobis uita in mundo. Et sicut per delictum adę omnes corruimus ita per obedientiam christi omnes surreximus · et sicut mors per lignum intrauit ita et uita per lignum sancte crucis uenit · et antiquum inimicum superauit et fortis fortem alligauit et in suo baratro retrusit. Iuste periit qui iniuste decepit. Adque omnes antiquos sanctas turmas a fauce pessimi leonis eripuit et ouem perditam in humeris posuit et ad antiquam patriam reduxit et decimam ordinem impleuit. Unde EGO ÆDELREDUS conpunctus dei misericordia totius albionis ceterarumque gentium triuiatim persistentium basileus · dum plerumque cogitarem de huius seculi caduci rebus transitoriis · quomodo superni a[illegible]tris exinaniae cuncta que uidentur uana sunt et que non uidentur aeterna. Et cum transitoriis rebus perpetua premia adquirantur. Qua de re nunc patefacio omnibus catholicis quod cum consilio et licentia episcoporum ac principum et omnium optimatum meorum quod pro amore DOMINI NOSTRI IHESU CHRISTI atque sancti confessoris GERMANI necnon et beati [illegible] PETROCI pro redemptione animę mee et pro absolutione criminum meorum [illegible] episcopium EALDREDI EPISCOPI id est in prouincia cornubie ut libera sit eique subiecta omnibus que posteris eius ut ipse gubernet adque reget suam parrochiam sicuti alii episcopi qui sunt in mea ditione · locusque adque regimen [illegible] PETROCI semper in potestate eius sit successorumque illius. Itaque omnium regalium tributorum libera sit adque laxata in exactorum operum penaliumque causarum nec non et furum conprehensione cuncta que seculi grauidine absque sola expeditione adque libera perpetualiter permaneat. Quicumque igitur hoc augere atque multiplicare uoluerit amplificet deus bona illius in regione uiuentium paceque nostra conglutinata augens et florens atque inter agmina [illegible] succedat qui nostre donationis munira consentiat. Si quis uero tam epylempticus philargirie seductus amentia quod non optamus hanc nostrae elemosinae dapsilitatem auso temerario infringere temptauerit sit ipse alie[illegible] dei ecclesię nec non et a participatione sacro sancti corporis et sanguinis ihesu christi filii dei per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus · est et cum iuda christi proditorae sinistra in parte [illegible] digna satisfactione humilis penituerit quod contra sanctam dei ecclesiam rebellis agere presumpsit nec in uita hac practica ueniam nec in theorica requiem apostata optineat ullam · sed aeternis baratri incendiis trusus ingiter miserrimus cruciętur.

Anno dominice [illegible] DCCCC : XCIIII. indictione VII : scripta est hec cartula ab uenerabili archiepiscopo SIGERICO : doroberuensis aecclesiae huius munificentiae singrapha his testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina decusatim domino disponende caraxantur

EGO ÆDELREDUS . : brittanniae totius anglorum monarchus hoc agiae crucis taumate roboraui.
Ego Sygeric doroberuensis ecclesie archiepiscopus prefati regis beniuolentię letus consensi.
Ego Ælfeah presul canonica subscriptione manu propria hilaris et triumphans subscripsi.
Ego Ealdred plebis dei famulos iubente rege signum sancte crucis plaudens impressi.
Ego Alfpold pontifex agię crucis testudine intepidus hoc donum lepidissime corroboraui.
Ego Ordbyrht legis dei catascopus hoc eulogium propria chyra deuotus consolidaui.
Ego Elfric episcopus uniltane ciuitatis consensi et subscripsi.
Ego pulfsie episcopus scireburnensis aecclesie consensi et subscripsi

Ego Æþelperd dux.
Ego Ælfric dux.
Ego Leofsie dux.
Ego Leofpine dux.
Ego Leofric abbas.
Ego Ælfperd abbas.
Ego Ælfsie abbas.
Ego Byrhtelm abbas.

Ego Æþelmær minister.
Ego Ordulf minister.
Ego Beorhtpold minister.
Ego Eþelmær minister.
Ego Ælfsie minister.
Ego Ælfpine minister.
Ego Leofpine minister.
Ego Osulf minister.

VIII.

ÆTHELRED THE SECOND. A.D. 994.

FROM the lofty summit of the heavens the R[illegible]r and Architect of the fabric of the most high ætherial court, out of nothing created all things : the heavens to wit and the earth and all that in them is, the fair angelic hosts, the sun, the moon and the glittering stars and the other bodies which are upon the firmament—disposing moreover the fabric of the world in inexpressible order as Genesis testifieth, and on the sixth day he made man after his image, Adam to wit, out of the four formed material of creation, whereof is now made up the human race that dwelleth upon the earth and in the lowest part of the earth, the lurking place of ghosts, into which Lucifer with the tenth order, through pride, fell from Heaven. But this also did the malignant serpent envy : he perceived that the protoplast had been created for the very end that he might fill the place from which he, poor wretch and his satellites had been hurled, namely Heaven. Alas! they were indeed created good but were miserably deceived! Therefore the envious Devil hated man with all his might : he persuaded the woman, the woman man : by persuasion and disobedience both were by fraud beguiled into tasting the fruit of the forbidden tree and, thrust from the joys of Paradise into this miserable life, brought death upon themselves and their posterity and were plunged into the foul abyss. But the [illegible]ciful and most compassionate Father grieving that so noble a creature formed after His own image should perish took pity upon the human race and sent to us in due time that is after five thousand years, His own Son, that he should once more renew the [illegible] and as woman engendered death in the world [illegible] woman was life brought forth to us in the world. And as by the fault of Adam we all fell [illegible] by the obedience of Christ we have all risen again : and as by a tree death came in, so by the tree of the [illegible] came life and He overcame the old enemy and the strong One bound the strong and thrust him into the lowest pit. He perished justly who unjustly deceived. And He snatched all the old holy troops from the jaw of the villainous lion and placed the lost sheep upon H[illegible] and carried it back to the old country and filled up the tenth order. Wherefore I Æthelred by God's mercy ordained King of all Albion and the other nations dwelling round about, frequently pondering over the transitory matters of this fleeting [illegible] how in [illegible] Most High Arbiter all things that are seen are vain and all that are not seen eternal. And seeing that with transient things, everlasting rewards are to be acquired—Wherefore I now make known to all catholics that with the advice and leave of my [illegible] princes and all my nobles, for love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the holy Confessor German and also the blessed [illegible] Petroc for the salvation of my soul and the absolution of my sins, I have granted that the see of bishop Ealdred, that is, in the province of Cornwall be free and subject to him and all his successors that he may govern and rule his parish in like manner as other bishops who are under my authority : and that the seat and rule of St Petroc be always in his and his successors power. And also that it be [illegible] from all royal tribute, tax gatherers' work, and penal causes ; as well as the taking of thieves and all secular burdens except army service alone and that it remain for ever free. Whoever therefore, shall wish to augment and multiply this may God increase his possession in the land of the living and [illegible]ing and [illegible]ing in our cemented grace among the hosts of [illegible] may he enter into happiness who agrees to protect this our grant. If however which God forbid, any one possessed of a devil and seduced by the madness of avarice shall attempt with rash daring to infringe the bounty of this our alms, let him be alienated from the brotherhood of the holy church of God and from participation in the holy blood and body of Jesus Christ the son of God by whom the whole world has been delivered from the ancient enemy of the human race, and let him be set aside on the left hand with Judas the betrayer of Christ unless beforehand he shall humbly repent with meet amends for what he has rebelliously presumed to do against the holy church of God [illegible] apostate obtain any pardon in this actual life or rest in that to come but, thrust into the eternal flames of Hell he most wretched, shall be everlastingly tormented.

This [illegible] bounty, was written in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 994 the 7th indiction, by the venerable archbishop S[illegible] the Church of Canterbury. These witnesses consenting whose names are, God being disposing, honourably written beneath.

✠ Æthelred Monarch of all Britain have confirmed this with the marvel of the holy cross.
✠ Sygeric archbishop of the church of Canterbury have joyfully consented to the benevolence of the aforesaid king.
✠ Ælfeah archbishop jocund and triumphant have subscribed with a canonical subscription in my own hand.
✠ Ealdred servant of God's folk by the king's command, have applauding impressed the sign of the holy cross.
✠ Alfwold pontiff, eager [illegible], have very pleasantly corroborated this grant with the testimony of the holy cross.
✠ Ordbyrht, scrutinizer of God's law devoted, have consolidated this gift with my own hand.
✠ Ælfric bishop of the city of Wilton have consented and subscribed.
✠ Wulfsie bishop of the church of Sherborne have consented and subscribed.

✠ Æthelweard duke.
✠ Ælfric duke.
✠ Leofsie duke.
✠ Leofwine duke.
✠ Leofric abbot.
✠ Ælfweard abbot.
✠ Elfsie abbot.
✠ Byrhtelm abbot.

✠ Æthelmær thane.
✠ Ordulf thane.
✠ Beorhtwold thane.
✠ Æthelmær thane.
✠ Ælfsie thane.
✠ Ælfwine thane.
✠ Leofwine thane.
✠ Osulf thane.

ARRELTOR ALTI POLORVM CVLMINE

Adq; archi rector summe fabricae aetherae aulae cymbalo quidem cuncta creavit celum solem et cetera omnia quae mundi sunt: Candida quidem angelica agmina solem lunam luceadq; stellae et cetera quae super firmamento sunt. Mundi autem fabrica mirabili disponens ordine ut genesis testatur et hominem qui dei formavit ad similitudinem suam adam uddicit quadriformi plasmatum materia unde nunc constat genus humanum quem terris mittit quia cante luxuriae diabolus ubi et lucifer cum decimo ordine superbiam decedo ruit. Sed a hoc mundo pestifer excludus pro plasmam ado condicum malevolentiae ut hoc implaret aquo ipse miser et cum illius decedo pricta sunt. Ha eu quidem boni erant sunt admirabiliter decepta deoq: mundus diabolus consumbit hominem mundo: suade: mulierem mulier autem persuasionem adq: pinobedientiam ambo decepta sunt fraudulente pgustum pomi ligni vitae adq: amaritate paradisi deicta sunt in hoc erumnoso seculo et locum sibi repostis suis pmercurunt adq: in carum abissi demersi sunt. Sed hoc misericors altissimus pater mediolanensis pius cum nobilem creaturam suam imaginem misertus est genus humano misit nobis in compore idem postquam mitia annorum ppirum filium suum unigenitum pdicum terrum renovatur et sicut mulier genuit mortem in mundo recipit mulier aere nobis vita in mundo. Et sicut pdicatum adq omnis corrumpitur pobedientiam xpi omnis sumus et sicut gnos plagarum inpagunt ita et vita pligatum sce crucis vitae et antiquum inimicum superavit et fortissimum alligavit et in mo barbaro vacuit. Iste piis quomodo decepit adq omnis antiquos sca carnis a fraude pessimi laomis eripuit et ad pdicam in humanis posuit et ad antiqua patria reduxit et decentem ordine impleuit. Unde EGO ADELRED compunctus di misericordia totius albionis et earum genuum eccliarum p fidei tatum basileus adimpleruntq: cogita tam debitus seli cuiuscumque rebus ante visitorum quomodo supra arbitris et ruinae quae videntur ruinatum et quemadmodum ad ... et cum ... rebus p patria prima adquirere. Quidque nunc pace facio omnibus catholicis quod cum filio et liberis et pontifum ac primorum et omnium optimatum meorum qd pannotis DUNNI ... xpi atq: sci confessoris GERMANI necnon et beati eccli PETRO ... predomporis animae meae et pro absolutione criminum meorum ... episcopum EVDRADI ... idem imperium connubie ... sit atq: subiecta omnibus quae posterum sunt ut ipse gubernat adq: regis sui parochii sicut alii qui sunt minet dictione locisq: adq: regionem sci ... semper procedat cum sit ... et ... adq: omnium regulum ... sit adq: ... ut ... et ... rerum ... et ... phensione cuncta sed gratuitudine absq: sola expeditione adq: libertate pperpetue pervenit. Quicumque hoc augere atq: multiplicare voluerit amplificare dei bona ulli sinregione ... pace nitere congruentia virgis et floribus atq: mirabilia beatitudinis et pudicitia succedat quamvis donationis munimen consequatur. Si quis autem cum ... philargiae seducens amentia quod honorantur hunc infirmare temperaverit sicut ipse alienus a consortio sce dei ecclie ... non a ... sacro sci corporis et sanguinis filii xpi filiorum pequon cum ... orbis abominatio humani generis inimico libatus et ... xpi predicatione sinistra impare depuratus ni prius hic digna satisfactione humilis poenitentiae quod conatur sancti dei ... rebellis agere presumpsit necnunc hic praecatio ... nec inferna requiem apostata optantur ullam sed ad carnis barcam incendis crassus iugiter miserrimus cruciatur.

Anno dominicae incarnationis DCCCCXCIIII: indictione VII scripta est hoc cartula abbatis archiepiscopi SIGERICO: dorobernensis ecclesiae huius munificentiae singrapha his testibus consentientibus eorum infrascripta nomina decusatam dno disponente caetera cantur.

EGO ADELREDUS: Britannniae totius anglorum monarchus hoc agnae crucis triumphate roboravi.

Ego Sigeric dorobernensis ecclie archiepiscopus praesentem hanc bonum solemnem consensi et subscripsi.

Ego Aelfrith episcopus ... subscriptionem manu propria hilaris et ... subscripsi.

Ego Eadred plebis dei famulos ... regis signum sce crucis plaudens impressi.

Ego Aelfpolo pontifex agnae crucis ... indicum hoc donum lepidissime corroboravi.

Ego Oswolphus legis dei cultor scripsi hoc eulogium propria chirographo confirmavi.

Ego Aelfric episcopus ... consensi et subscripsi.

Ego Aulfric episcopus ... ecclesiae consensi et subscripsi.

Ego Aelfpelm dux

Ego Aelfric dux

Ego Leofric dux

Ego Leofwine dux

Ego Leofric abbas

Ego Aelfpelm abbas

Ego Aelfric abbas

Ego Byrhtelm abbas

Ego Aelfmar minister

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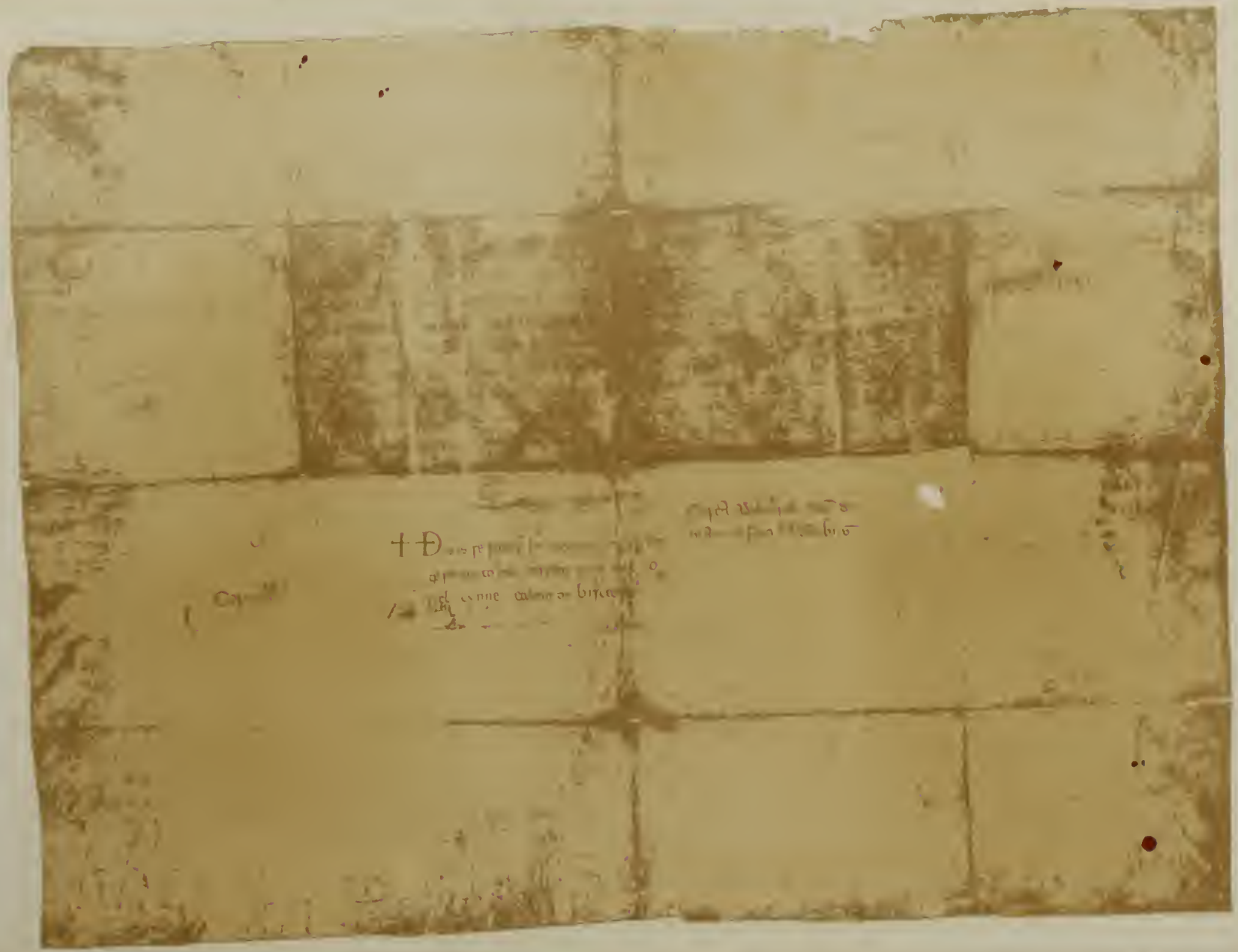
Ego Aelfwine minister

Ego Leofwine minister

Ego Osulf minister



VIII.

Carta cum litteris aureis.

Dis is se freols þe æðelred cyninc hæt gesettan to þam biscop rice inwg to þæl cyune ealdrede biscope

Carta Adthelredi Regis de Episcopio Sancti Germani et suis libertatibus.

Cornubia.

De unione Episcopatuum.

VIII.

A charter with golden letters.

This is the freedom that King Ethelred [illegible] appointed to the bishopric and to the Welsh people under Bishop Ealdred

Charter of King Ethelred [illegible] concerning the bishopric of Saint German and its [illegible]

Cornwall.

Concerning the union of the Episcopacy

IX.

CNUT. A.D. 1018.

✠ IN nomine sanctę trinitatis. Cum mundi cursus uario ut cotidię cernimus incertoque discrimine tendat ad calcem · cuique mortalium opus est ut sic caducam peragat uitam · ut quandoque possit dei adiutus beneficio possidere perpetuam · et quamdiu uitę istius utitur aura cuncta quę iusto statuuntur examine certis apicum lineis inserere · ne forte sub sequentibus ueniant in obliuionem et sic a iunioribus parui pendatur instituto seniorum. Qua propter ego CNUT REX subthronizatus angligenum. Cuidam meo fidelissimo episcopo qui noto uocitamine nuncupatur BURHUUOLD · condono in eternę ius hereditatis · quandam telluris particulam · cassatas scilicet quatuor in duabus locis diuisas ubi ab incolis dicitur. LANDERH TUN · et terra aliud · TINIEL TUN · ut habeat quamdiu uitalis spiritus in hac erumnosa uita fragile corpus aluerit · et post obitum eius. Terram LANDERH TUN commendat pro anima eius et regis Sancto Germano in perpetuam libertatem · et de TINIEL TUN faciat episcopus quod sibi usum fuerit. Maneatque prout iam prediximus donum istud ab omni seculari seruitio exinanitum cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus campis siluis pascuis · pratis · excepto expeditione tantum si necessitas coegerit · et captio furorum libertatem teneat ut superius titulatur. Hanc uero meam donationem quod opto absit a fidelium mentibus minuentibus atque frangentibus fiat pars eorum cum illis de quibus e contra fatur · discedite a me maledicti in ignem ęternum etcetera · nisi hic prius satisfaciat ante mortem. Istis terminibus predicta terra hinc inde gyratur. Ærest on poldrisoc up on ðære riðe to horspille þanon to þyrlestane þonne to ælmarches pylle on þa riðe on tudi up on tudi to þære litlan riðe þonne west to cructerlan þonne west to ðære riðe adun on ða riðe oð bot fuyse þonne norð to þam beorge on gerihte to þam fyreledan stibbe þonne east on þa rycgrade to þæs mores heafod on þone broc on tudi up on tudi to difrod up on þa riðe to þam forda þonne east to ðæs mores heafod adun on þone broc to bryhter up on þam broce to þam herpoðe þonne norð rihte to þam litlan forda þonne up to ðæs cumbes heafdon þonne norð on þonne peg oð þam sloed þonne east to þam cumbe on þære riðe to þam ge myðo up on þone broc to þæs cumbes heafod þonne to þam herpoþe þonne norð on þone peg to ennes ðære litlan byrig þonne east rihte to þam pylle adun on þone broc to linar adun on stream to foldrysoc · þis simlon þa land gemæro þæs hipisces to Tinieltune. Ærost of carrecron on ða riðe pest to þæs pylles heafod þanon pest to ðam pege þonne norð on þone peg to þam stybbe þonne pest to þam pylle adun on þa riðe to þam fleote up to cynges mylne up on þone broc to nantneþiou þonne suð rihte to behrates pylle on þa riðe to þa gemyðo þonne up on þone broc to þelbrice norð on þone peg to ðære dic þonne pest on þa pale to þam pylle on þære riðe to þam gemyðo þonne pest on ða ealdan landscaru þonne norð to þære riðe þonne east on þam sloed to þam broce þonne east to þam pege on þone bric to þam pylle adun to þam broce oð tamer adun to carrecron.

Her sputelað on þissum geprite hu eadmund cyning gyrnde þæs hipisces landes æt þrulea æt burhpolde biscope · þa se cyning nom þam æt him · þa sealde he him þa iiij · hida æt landherhtune ⁊ þa ane hide æt tinieltune ongean þrulea ⁊ þa ic CNUT cyng feng to rice æfter eadmunde cyninge · þa cydde se biscop me hu hi landa hpyrfdon · spa hit her bufan cpið · þa ic cnut cyning cydde þam biscope burhpolde þe ic uðe þara ylca landa eal spa eadmund cyning him ær geuþe sacleas æfre his dæg · ⁊ ofer his dæge gange þe land æt landherhtune into sanctę Germanes mynster þam hiredum to fostre þa hpyle þe cristendom punige · ⁊ se biscop deð ymbe þe land æt tiniel tune spa him god pisige · ⁊ ic an þe þa land beon freolic ælces þeopdomes þe æfre of lande arise · gode to lofe ⁊ sancte Germane buton fyrdgan ane 7 gebedrædene for minre saple.

Anno dominicę Incarnationis millesimo octodecimo scripta · est · huius munificentię singrapha · his testibus consentientibus quorum nomina inferius caraxata esse uidentur

+ Ego Cnut totius brittannię monarchus meę largitatis donum agię crucis taumate roboraui.
+ Ego liuingus dorobornensis ecclesię episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego Wlfstan eboracensis ecclesię archiepiscopus signo sanctę crucis subscripsi.
+ Ego Ælfgyfu regina humillima adiuui.
+ Ego Elfsinus episcopus non renuui.
+ Ego brihtpold episcopus adquieui.
+ Ego Æthelpine episcopus confirmaui.
+ Ego brihtpine episcopus consilium dedi.
+ Ego eadnoð episcopus consolidaui.
+ Ego burhpold episcopus conclusi

+ þureil dux.
+ Yrric dux.
+ Egillaf dux.
+ Ranig dux.
+ Æthelpeard dux.
+ Godpine dux

+ Brihtpig abbas.
+ Æþelsige abbas.
+ brihtmær abbas.
+ Ælfsige abbas.
+ Ælnere abbas.
+ Æþelpold abbas.

+ þored minister.
+ Aslac minister.
+ Tobi minister.
+ Ælfgar minister.
+ Odda minister.
+ Ælfgar minister.

IX.

CNUT. A.D. 1018.

✠ IN the name of the holy Trinity! Whereas the course of this world, as we daily perceive, tends, with various and uncertain intervals, to a goal it behoves every mortal so to pass through this perishable life, as that he may at some time, assisted by the favour of God attain to the life eternal; and as long as he shall breathe the breath of this life, to bring within the sure limits of writing, all matters which shall be after due consideration ordained lest by chance they should fall into oblivion in after years and so the purpose of their elders come to be lightly regarded by the younger generation. Wherefore I Cnut, enthroned King of the English people, give to my very faithful bishop, who is called by the well known appellation of Burhwold, in right of eternal inheritance a certain parcel of land—four cassates to wit—in two separate places where it is called by the inhabitants Landerhtun and another land Tinieltun that he may have it as long as the vital spirit shall nourish the fragile body in this wretched life and after his death may commend the land at Landerhtun, for his soul and the King's, to St. German in perpetual liberty and as to Tinieltun the bishop may do what to him shall seem fit. And let this grant, as I have already before said, be exempt from all secular service with all things to it of right appertaining fields, woods, pastures, meadows, except army service alone if necessity should compel and let him hold the liberty of thief-taking as is above expressed. Moreover as to those who may God avert it from the minds of the faithful shall diminish or infringe this my gift, may their part be with them of whom it is on the contrary said "Depart from me ye wicked into everlasting fire &c" unless they here, before death make satisfaction beforehand. The aforesaid land is encircled round about by these boundaries First at Woldrisoc up the river to Horswille thence to Thyrlestane then to Ælmarche's well on the river to Tudi, up Tudi to the little rill thence west to Cructerlan then west to the river down the river to Botfuyse, thence north to the barrow, straight on to the fire-cleft stub then east to the ridge wall at the moor's head on the brook to Tudi up Tudi to Difrod up the river to the ford; then east to the moor's head, down the brook to Bryhter; up the brook to the high way, then north straight to the little ford, then up to the comb's head then north on the way to the slade, then east to the comb on the river to the mouth, up the brook to the combs head then to the high way, then north on the way to over against the little barrow, then east straight to the spring down the brook Linar, down the stream to Foldrysoc. These are the landmarks of the hide land at Tinieltune. First from Carrecron to the river west to the spring head then west to the way, then north on the way to the stub then west to the spring down the river to the fleet; up to King's mill up the brook to Nantnewiou then south strait to Behrates well, on the river to the mouth turn up the brook to Thelbrice, north on the way to the ditch, then west to the wall at the spring on the river to the mouth then west to the old landshore then north to the river, then east to the slade at the brook then east to the way on the ridge to the spring, down to the brook as far as Tamar down to Carrecron.

Here appears in this writing how King Edmund yearned for this hide land at Thrulea from bishop Burhwold When the King took it from him then gave he him the three hides at Landhertun and the one hide at Tinieltun against Thrulea. And when I King Cnut came to the kingdom, after King Eadmund then told me the bishop how they exchanged lands as it here before said. Then I, King Cnut, told the bishop Burhwold that I would grant each of these lands as King Eadmund had before granted to him, sacless, ever for his day and after his day the land at Landhertun should go to St. German's minster to foster the brotherhood the while that Christendom endures and the bishop doth about the land at Tinieltun as God may instruct him. And I grant that the land be free of every service that may arise concerning the land, for the love of God and St. German—except army expedition only and the office of prayers for my soul.

In the year of the Dominical Incarnation one thousand and eighteen the deed of this bounty was written these witnesses consenting whose names appear to be written beneath.

+ I Cnut Monarch of all Britain confirm the gift of my bounty with the marvel of the holy Cross
+ I Living bishop of the church of Canterbury have consented and subscribed.
+ I Wlfstan archbishop of the church of York have subscribed with the sign of the holy Cross
+ I Ælfgyfu the very humble Queen have assented
+ I Ælfsin bishop have not denied
+ I Brihtwold bishop have acquiesced
+ I Æthelwine bishop have confirmed
+ I Brihtwine bishop have given advice
+ I Eadnoth bishop have consolidated
+ I Burhwold bishop have concluded.

+ Thureil duke
+ Yrric duke
+ Egillaf duke
+ Ranig duke
+ Æthelweard duke
+ Godwine duke

+ Brihtwig abbot
+ Æthelsige abbot
+ Brihtmær abbot
+ Ælfsige abbot
+ Ælnere abbot
+ Æthelwold abbot

+ Thored thane.
+ Aslac thane.
+ Tobi thane.
+ Ælfgar thane
+ Odda thane.
+ Ælfgar thane.

✠ In nomine sc̃ę trinitatis. Cum mundi opus uario ut cotidię cernimus incertoq; discrimine tendat ad eccam. cunq; mortalium opus est ut sic caducum pagat uitam ut quandoq; possit dī adiutus beneficio possidere ꝑpetuam. & quam diu uitę illius manet aura cuncta quę iusto stimulantur cum animo cerus ꝑpetum linas insertere. ne forte subsequentib; uergant in oblitionem. & sic diuitiorib: parui pendantur instituto seniorum. Qua propter ego CNUT REX subchronizat̃ dinigbynum. Cuidam meo fidelissimo episcopo qui noto uocabulo nuncupatur BURHWOLD. condono in ꝑpetuę iuris hereditatis. quandam telluris particulam. cassatas sedecim quattuor in duabus locis diuisas ubi abincolis dicit̃. LANDERHTUN. & ꝑterra aliud. TINIELTUN. ut habeat quādiu uitalis spīs in hac erumnosa uita fragile corpus aluerit. & post obitum eius. Terram LANDERHTUN. cōmendat̃ pamina cū & regis Scō Germano in ꝑpetuam libertate. & de TINIELTUN faciat ep̄ī quod sibi uisū fuerit. Maneatq; pure ꝑ ꝑ dixerā donū istud domī seli seruino cunanimi. cū omib: adserte ꝑtinentib: campis. siluis. pascuis. pratis. excepto expeditione tantū sine necessitate cogente. & capito furorū libertate teneat ut sibi uiuat̃. Hanc ū meā donationē quod opto absit a fidelibus mentib: mutuentib: atq; frangentib: . fiat pars eorū cū illis deq: econtra fiatur. discedite. ame maledicti in igne eternū. & cetē. nisi hic pūt̃ satis faciat. ante mortē. Istis omnib: ꝑdicta ꝑa hinc inde gyratur. Ærest on polofsoc up on dæric ruðr to hopspille hanon to hylfesfaune honne to almanclif pylle on ha ruðr on eadi cep on eadi to ꝑpe lidan ruðr honne prest to cruceteplan honne prest to dæric ruðr adun on ða ruðr od bit pyst honne norð to hā broigge an ge ruhte to hā pyndeoai. fubbe hoine east on ha pycg pale to hæg mores hreapod on hone broc on eadi up on eadi to difpud up on ha ruðr to ham popda honne east to dæg mores hreapod adun on hone broc to bryhtep up on hā broce to hā herpoðr honne norð ruhte to hā lit'an popda honne up to dæg cumbes heapdo, honne norð on honne peg oðþ stad honne east to hā cumbe on hæpe ruðr to hā ge mydo up on hone broc to hæg cunbes hreapod henne to hā herpobe honne norð on hone peg to tanner dæg lidan bypig. hon east ruhte to hā pylle adun on hone broc to linan adun on fenum to foldpysoc. Hir sindon ha land ge mæro hæg hipisæt to Tinieltune. Ærest of cappreton on ða ruðr prest to hæg pylles hreapod hanon prest to dā pegg hon norð on hone peg to hā sybbr hon prest to hā pylle adun on ha ruðr to hā fleote up to cynges mylne up on hone broc to numentpiou hon sud ruhte to behpaeg pylle on ha ruðr to ha ge mydo hon up on hon broc to helbuccr norð on hone peg to dæpe dic hon prest on ha pole to hā pylle on hæpe ruðr to hā ge mydo hon prest on ða aldan landscapu hon norð to hæpe ruðr honne east on þ stad to hā broce hon east to hā pegg on hone hruc to hā pylle adun to hā broce od tameri adun to cappreton.

Heri sprucelad on hisrū geprunc ha rodmanne cyning geyrnde hir hipisæt lanoet æt hrulea æt biriphoior biscope. ha se cyning nam þ æt him. ha sealde hi him ha. iiii hida æt landhrihtune ⁊ ho one hiot æt timeltune on gran hrulea ⁊ þa cnut cyng feng to ryer æt eopor radmunder oninge. ha cwoðe se biscop me hu hi landa hpyrfdon. ꝑa hie heri bidan cpiðe. ha se cnut cyning cyoðe hā biscope burhholder hie uðr hapa ylca landa ralspa radmund cyning him æt ge uppe sacleap æt eopr hir dæg ⁊ oper his dæge gyfe þ land æt landhrihtune into sc̃ę Germanet myðæt ham hipedun to posme ha hpile he ꝑsterdom punge ⁊ se biscop oðð ymbe þ land æt tinieltune spa hi god pisige. ⁊ ic an þ ha land beon ꝑrohr eleet hropdomet he æpre of lande apust. goodcolore ⁊ sc̃ę Germane buton pynogun ane ⁊ ge bropaedene pop minre saple.

Anno dominicę incarnationis millesimo octodecimo scripta. c̄. huius munificentię singrapha. his testibus consentientibus quorum nomina inferius caracterizata cē uidentur.

✠ Ego Cnut totius britannię monarchus meq; largitatis donum dęq; crucis taumate roboraui.

✠ Ego liuingus doroborensis ecclę ep̄ī consensi & subscripsi.

✠ Ego Wulfstan eboracensis ecclę archiep̄ī signo sc̃ę crucis subscripsi

✠ Ego Ælfgyfu regina humillima adhaui.

✠ Ego Ælfsinus	ep̄ī non renuo.	✠ Dunal	dux	✠ Byhtepig	abb̄	✠ Popto	mī		
✠ Ego bryhtpold	ep̄ī ad quirm.	✠ Ypric	dux.	✠ Æhelsige	abb̄.	✠ Arlac	mī		
✠ Ego Æthelpine	ep̄ī con firmau.	✠ Egllaf	dux.	✠ bryhtmaer	abb̄.	✠ Tobi	mī		
✠ Ego bryhtpine	ep̄ī consilii dedi.	✠ Ranig	dux.	✠ Ælfrige	abb̄.	✠ Ælfgar	mī		
✠ Ego radnoð	ep̄ī consolidau	✠ Æthelpaard	dux.	✠ Ælurie	abb̄.	✠ Odda	mī		
✠ Ego burhpold	ep̄ī con clusi	✠ Godpine	dux	✠ Æhelpold	abb̄.	✠ Ælfgar	mī		

Ðis is þæra landa landboc æt
landesche þæt unieð tune þæra
feðera hida þe cnut cyning gef bocode
burhþolde biscope on ecc ýðre.

Cnut rex Coronab;

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Dis is þæra landa landboc æt landerehtune ⁊ æt tiniel tune þara feoþer hida þe cnut cýning ge bocode burhþolde biscope on ecne yrfe :—

Cnut Rex Germanus. } Cornubia :—

IX.

This is the land deed of the lands at Landerehtune and at Tiniel tune of the four hides that King Cnut registered to bishop Burhwold in perpetual inheritance.

King Cnut German } Cornwall

X.

CNUT. A.D. 1018.

✠ RECTOR ALTI POLORUM CULMINE ATQUE ARCHITECTOR · SUMME FABRICE ETHEREE AULE EX NICHILO QUIDEM CUNCTA CREAUIT · CELUM SCILICET ET TERRAM ET OMNIA · QUE IN EIS · SUNT. Candida quidem angelica agmina solem luna lucidaque astra et cetera que super firmamento sunt. Mundi autem fabricam in enarrabili disponens ordine ut genesis testatur et hominem · vi^to die formauit ad similitudinem suam adam uidelicet quadriformi plasmatum materia. Unde nunc constat genus humanum que in terris moratur · et ima terra larvarica latibula ubi et lucifer cum decimo ordine per superbiam de celo ruit. Sed et hoc inuidet pestifer chelidrus protoplastum adeo conditum intellexerat · ut hoc impleret a quo ipse miser et satelliti illius de celo proiecti sunt. Heu quidem boni creati sunt sed miserabiliter decepti. Ideoque inuidus zabulus totis uiribus homini inuidet suadet mulieri mulier uirum per suasionem atque per inobedientiam ambo decepti sunt fraudulenter per gastum pomi ligni uetiti atque amenitate paradisi deiecti sunt in hoc erumposo seculo et letum sibi ac posteris suis promeruerunt atque in tetrum abyssi demersi sunt. Sed hoc misericors et piissimus pater indoluit perire tamdiu nobilem creaturam sui imaginem misertus est generi humano misit nobis in tempore id est post quinque milia annorum proprium filium suum ut mundum perditum iterum reformaret ut sicut mulier genuit mortem in mundo. Ita per mulierem enixa est nobis uita in mundo. Et sicut per delictum ade omnes corruimus · ita per obedientiam christi omnes surreximus et sicut mors per lignum intrauit ita et uita per lignum sancte crucis uenit et antiquum inimicum superauit et fortis fortem alligauit et in imo baratro retrusit. Iuste periit qui iniuste decepit. Atque omnes antiquos sanctas turmas a fauce pessimi leonis eripuit · et ouem perditam in humeris posuit et ad antiquam patriam reduxit et decimam ordinem impleuit. Qua propter ego CNUT · largiflua summi tonantis prouidentia rex anglorum et cunctigenarum albionis populorum prout potissimum et eo amplius mei deuotissimi predecessores fecisse comprobantur toto mentis adnisu diuina reaedificare templa curabo. Quicquid uero tepius uel neglegentius quacumque ex causa eos egisse compertus fuero · instantissime emendare studebo. Omne igitur territorium monasterii beati uidelicet sancti GERMANI cornubie regionis cathedram episcopalem omnium regalium tributorum libera sit · atque laxata in exactorum operum penaliumque causarum nec non et furum comprehensione cunctaque seculi grauidine absque sola expeditione si magna necessitas coegerit atque libera perpetualiter permaneat pro amore domini nostri ihesu christi atque eiusdem sancti confessoris GERMANI episcopi · nec non et beatorum omnium sanctorum pro redemptione anime mee et pro absolutione criminum meorum. Ea uidelicet ratione ut nemo prepositus uel alius prepotens temerarius audeat se aliquid intromittere in his prefatis terris preter episcopum supra dictam cathedram insidentem. Quicumque ergo hoc augere atque multiplicare uoluerit amplificet deus bona illius in regione uiuentium pacemque nostri conglutinata uigens et florens atque inter agmina beatitudinis tripudia succedat qui nostre donationis muneri consentiat. Si quis uero tam epylempticus philargirie seductus amentia quod non optamus hanc nostre elemosine dapsilitatem auso temerario infringere temptauerit · sit ipse alienatus a consortio sancte dei aecclesie nec non et a participatione sacro sancti corporis et sanguinis ihesu christi filii dei per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus est · et cum iuda christi proditore sinistra in parte deputatus ni prius hic digna satisfactione · humilis penituerit quod contra sanctam dei ecclesiam rebellis agere presumpsit nec in uita hac particia ueniam nec in theorica requiem apostata optineat ullam · sed eternis baratri merendis trusus iugiter miserrimus crucietur. Anno dominice incarnationis Millesimo octauo decimo indictione i. Scripta est hec cartula huius munificentie singrapha. His testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina decusatim domino disponente caraxantur.

EGO CNUT · brittannie totius anglorum monarchus hoc agie crucis taumate roboraui.
EGO lefingus dorobernensis aecclesie archiepiscopus prefati regis beniuolentie letus consensi.
EGO pulfstan eboracensis basilice primas insegnis hoc donum regale confirmaui.
EGO ælfgifo regina humillima adiuui
EGO ælfsige episcopus assensum prebui.
EGO godpine episcopus dictando titulaui.
EGO byrhtpold episcopus dignum duxi.
EGO aþelpine episcopus dignum iudicaui
EGO byrihtpine episcopus confirmaui.
EGO eadnoð episcopus consolidaui.
EGO burhpold episcopus conclusi

EGO þurcyld dux.
EGO yric dux.
EGO æþelpeard dux.
EGO eylaf dux.
EGO godpine dux.
EGO hrani dux
EGO byrihtpig abbas.
EGO æþelsige abbas.

EGO byrihtmær abbas.
EGO ælfsige abbas.
EGO ælfere abbas.
EGO aþelpold abbas.
EGO þoryd minister.
EGO aslac minister.
EGO toba minister.
EGO ælfgær minister.
EGO odda minister.
EGO ordgær minister.
EGO ælfgær minister.

EGO ælfmær minister.
EGO ælfged minister.
EGO byrihtric minister.
EGO pulfmær minister.
EGO pulfperd minister.
EGO leofgær minister
EGO leofsige minister
EGO leofnoð minister.
EGO eadsige minister.
EGO brihtpine minister.
EGO byrihtmær minister.

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CNUT. A.D. 1018.

✠ FROM the summit of the heavens the Ruler and Architect of the fabric of the most high ætherial court out of nothing created all things, the heavens, to wit, and the earth and all that in them is, the fair angelic hosts, the sun, the moon, and the glittering stars and the other bodies which are upon the firmament, disposing the fabric of the world in inexpressible order as Genesis testifies, and on the sixth day He created man after His own image, Adam to wit, out of the four-formed material of creatures, whereof is now made up the human race that dwelleth upon the earth and in the lowest part of the earth, the lurking place of ghosts, into which Lucifer with the tenth order through pride fell from Heaven. But then also did the malignant serpent envy when he perceived that the protoplast had been created for the very end that he might fill the place from which he, poor wretch, and his satellites had been hurled, namely Heaven. Alas! they were indeed created good but were miserably deceived! Therefore the envious Devil hateth man with all his might, he persuades the woman, the woman the man, by persuasion and disobedience both were by fraud beguiled into tasting the fruit of the forbidden tree and being thrust down from the joys of Paradise into this miserable life brought death upon themselves and their posterity and were plunged into the foul abyss. But the merciful and most compassionate Father, grieving that so noble a creature formed after His own image, should perish, took pity upon the human race and sent to us in due time, that is after five thousand years, His own Son, that He should once more renew the ruined world; and as a woman engendered death in the world so by woman was life brought forth to us in the world. And as by the fault of Adam we all fell, so by the obedience of Christ we have all risen again; and as death entered into the world through the tree so by the tree of the Holy Cross life came unto us and He overcame the ancient enemy and the strong One bound the strong and thrust him into the lowest pit of Hell. He justly perished who unjustly deceived! And He snatched all the old holy troops from the jaw of the villainous lion, and placed the lost sheep upon His shoulder and carried it back to the old country and filled up the tenth order. Wherefore I Cnut by the bountiful providence of the Most High Thunderer King of the Angles and all the people of Albion of every kind, will above all things, and all the more so that my most devout predecessors are acknowledged to have done the like, with every exertion of my mind take care to rebuild divine temples. Whatever moreover I shall ascertain to have been done for any reason whatever badly or carelessly, that will I instantly study to amend. Let therefore all the territory of the Monastery of the blessed St. German the episcopal see of the province of Cornwall, be free and released from all royal tributes tax gatherers works and penal causes and the taking of thieves and all secular burdens, except alone army expedition if great need should arise, and let it remain free for ever for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the same holy confessor St German bishop and all the blessed saints for the redemption of my soul and for the absolution of my sins. In this way, to wit, that no reeve or other man high in authority shall rashly dare to intrude in any way upon these aforesaid lands except the bishop occupying the above mentioned see. Whosoever therefore shall wish to increase and multiply this, may God amplify his possessions in the land of the living, and blooming and flourishing in our cemented grace among the hosts of bliss, may he enter into happiness who consents to the grant of this our gift. If however, which God forbid, any one possessed of a devil, and seduced by the madness of avarice shall attempt with audacious endeavour to infringe this bounty of our alms, let him be alienated from the brotherhood of the holy church of God and from participation in the holy blood and body of Jesus Christ the son of God, by whom the whole world has been freed from the old enemy of the human race, and let him be set aside on the left hand with Judas the betrayer of Christ, unless he shall here beforehand humbly and duly repent and make amends for what he has rebelliously presumed to do against the holy church of God: nor shall he apostate obtain any pardon in this actual life or rest in that to come, but thrust into the eternal flames of Hell, most wretched, be everlastingly tormented. This charter, the bond of this bounty was written in the year of the Dominical Incarnation One thousand and eighteen in the 1st indiction. These witnesses consenting, whose names, the Lord disposing, are honourably written beneath.

I Cnut monarch of the Angles of all Britain have corroborated this with the marvel of the holy Cross.
I Lefing archbishop of the church of Canterbury, have joyfully consented to this benevolence, of the aforesaid King.
I Wulfstan feeble primate of the basilica of York have confirmed this royal gift.
I Ælfgifu most humble Queen have agreed.
I Ælfsige bishop have given assent.
I Godwine bishop have entitled by dictating.
I Byrihtwold bishop have thought fit.
I Æthelwine bishop have judged fit.
I Byrihtwine bishop have confirmed.
I Eadnoth bishop have consolidated.
I Burhwold bishop have concluded.

I Thurcyld duke.
I Yric duke.
I Æthelweard duke.
I Eylaf duke.
I Godwine duke.
I Hrani duke.
I Byrihtwig abbot.
I Æthelsige abbot.

I Byrihtmær abbot.
I Ælfsige abbot.
I Ælfere abbot.
I Athelwold abbot.
I Thoryd thane.
I Aslac thane.
I Toba thane.
I Ælfgær thane.
I Odda thane.
I Ordgær thane.
I Ælfgær thane.

I Ælfmær thane.
I Ælfged thane.
I Byrihtric thane.
I Wulfmær thane.
I Wulfwerd thane.
I Leofgær thane.
I Leofsige thane.
I Leofnoth thane.
I Eadsige thane.
I Brihtwine thane.
I Byrihtmær thane.

Rector alme poli omnipotens celsique ARCHITECTOR SUMME FABRICE ETHEREE AULE ET HICHILO QUIPEOS CUNCTA CREASTI CELIPOS. SCILICET ET TERRAMOS ET OMNIA QUE IN EIS SUNT.
Candida quidem angelica agmina solem luna luciduque astra. & cetera que sup firmamentum sunt. Mundi autem fabricam incomprehensibili disponens ordine ut genesis testatur. & homi
nem. ut che formam sui ad similitudinem suam adam indicice quadriformi plasmatum materia. Unde nunc constat genus humanum que interris moritur. & una terra. Iaruanica Iambalaya
ubi & hinfer cum demonio cecidit. pf[illegible]nam decepto fuit. Sed & hoc mundo pestifer chelidrus propalatum ad condimum intellexerat. ut hoc implere. a quo ipse miser & miselli[illegible] decepto
profecti sunt. hoc quidem bonum creatum fuit [illegible] inscrutabiliter de cepo. Idcoque mundus zabulus totus in tribus hominibus mundi. fratres mulieri mulier virum pfaisionem antiquo obedientiam ambo decepsunt.
fraudulenter p gustum pomi hegni nomi ar[illegible] amoenitate paradisi de rebus sunt in hoc crumpnoso seculo & ipsum sibi ac posteris suis p mortem arq. interitu abyssi de mersi sunt. Sed hoc [illegible]
pessimus pater [illegible] solum p tempus diu nobilem creaturam sui imaginem [illegible] genere humano. [illegible] ut post quinq. milia annorum ppriu filium suum [illegible]
[illegible] ac fieri [illegible] mundo. Ita p mulierem exorta est nobis mors in mundo. Ce sicut p delictum ad eos omnes corruimus. ita pobedientiam xpi omnes surgemus. & sicut mors p[illegible] ita vita
[illegible] vita plagis [illegible] uniquum manucum sup aure & fortis fortem alligavit & omnes barbaro retrorsum. Iste p[illegible] qui iuste decepit. Adq. omnes antiquos scis [illegible]
[illegible] posset & ad antiquam patriam reduxit. & decimam ordinis implevit. Qua propter [illegible] CHRI largitus summa [illegible] p[illegible]
rum altiorem popu[illegible] & eo amplius mo devotissimi predecessores scilicet [illegible] reaedificare templa curabo. Quicquid vero [illegible]
[illegible] cecusa [illegible] instantissime emendare studebo. Omno igitur urrorum monasterii beati inducice to GERMANI corrubie regionis cathedram episcopalem [illegible]
[illegible] libera [illegible] omnium penalium causarum nec non & furum comprehensione cunctaq. sedigrundine absq. sola exparimone si magna necessitas [illegible]
[illegible] p manus [illegible] nomine [illegible] xpi atq. eiusdem sti confessoris GERMANI epi. nec non & beatorum omnium sctorum. predampnione animarum & pab solimone crummam incorruptam. [illegible]
[illegible] alius perpetrari temerarius audeat. se aliquid intromittere in his prefatis rebus pter episcopum supra dictum carbolgum in fideiussorem. Qui omnq. ergo hoc integre atq. [illegible] plicare
[illegible] dicit est bona [illegible] in regione mercimonia pacemq. ita conglomerata in eorum [illegible] [illegible] cum [illegible] scriptis [illegible] quinq. dominus mirum conservare. Siquis vero
[illegible] epyscopus philargirus scilicet [illegible] quod non opranus hanc nrs deminsinq. dispositam temerario temerario infringere temptaverit. sit ipse alienatus a consortio sti dei ecclie nec non & apostolorum
[illegible] sacro sti corporis & sanguinis dni xpi filii dei quem omni terrarum orbis habitatoq. humanum genus mundo liberavit est. & cum iuda xpi proditore sinistra impiste depereant in primis hac digna pari fatione ba
[illegible] pecunia quod contra scam dei ecclam rebellis agere presumpsit. nec unum hac publica nonam. nec in theorem [illegible] apostata optinere ullam. sed [illegible] baratri incendium [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Anno dominice incarnationis. Millesimo octavo decimo. indictione. I. Scripta est hec cartula. hanc [illegible] singrapha. His testib. consentientib. quorum nomina decentem dno disponente carpantur.
Ego [illegible] Ceolnothus totius anglorum monarchus hoc age crucis [illegible] roboram.

Eco	lefmgiu doroberniensis eccle archi epi prefatu regi benivolenq. lee consensi.				Eco	byjulmaqi	abb		Eco	alfmaqi	mnū
Eco	pulfrian eboracensis basilice primas insegni hoc donum regale confirmam				Eco	alhfiq	abb		Eco	alfgro	mnū
Eco	alfgiro regina humillima admin	Eco	hupcyto	dux	Eco	alfgrio	abb		Eco	byjulhque	mnū
Eco	alfhigi epi ancorum predur	Eco	ypii	dux	Eco	alhelpuno	abb		Eco	pulfmaqi	mnū
Eco	goopine epi chilmundo comitum	Eco	alhelpuno	dux	Eco	hopiyo	mnū		Eco	pulfrqm	mnū
Eco	byjulhepolo epi chigumundiqui	Eco	cylaq.	dux	Eco	allao	mnū		Eco	lovpqm	mnū
Eco	alhelpine epi chigumundicum	Eco	goopine	dux	Eco	robi	mnū		Eco	lopfiq	mnū
Eco	byjulhepine epi confirmam	Eco	hnam	dux	Eco	alfgiqi	mnū		Eco	lovpnod	mnū
Eco	mapod epi consolidam	Eco	byjulhpig	abb	Eco	ovba	mnū		Eco	ranfiqe	mnū
Eco	bwulhpolo epi condirsi	Eco	alhelfiq	abb	Eco	opogiqi	mnū		Eco	byjulmaqi	mnū
					Eco	alfgiqi	mnū				

X.

Dis is se freols þe cnut cyning het settan to þam biscepstole þest on þealan gode to bote ⁊ Sancte germane to his mynsteres are on ece freodom.

Cornubia. Privilegium Regis Cnout Sancto Germano concessum.
Privilegium Cnuti Regis Santo Germano collatum.

Cnut · de bonis diocesæ Cornubiæ

X.

This is the liberty that King Cnut has established in the bishopric of West Wales for the love of God and St. German to the honour of his minster in perpetual freedom.

The privilege of King Cnout granted to St. Germ[illegible]
Cornwall The privilege of King Cnut granted to St. Germ[illegible]

Cnut · Concerning the possession of the diocese of Cornwall.

XI.

CNUT. A.D. 1031.

ALTITHRONO moderatoris imperio triuatim instruimur. Ut illi opido subiecti subpeditantes famulemur. Qui totius mundi fabricam mira ineffabilique dispositione serie microcosmum adam uidelicet tandem quadriforma plasmatum materia aliao ad similitudinem sui instinctum spiramine. Uniuersisque in infimis formauerat uno probandi causa excepto uetitoque praficiens paradiso · amoenitatis iocunditate coulaterana cum scilicet comite decentissime collocauit. Iaruarica pro dolor seductus cauillatione uersipellis sua sibilisque tergiuersatione uiraginis pellectus anathematis alogia · ambro pomum momordit uetitum et sibi ac posteris in hoc erumnoso deuectus seculo laetum promerait perpetuum. In tacta igitur [illegible] dente christi diuinitate passaque ipsius humanitate libertas addictis clementer contigit eruulis. Hic ego CNUT · altithrono annuente auo anglorum ceterarumque gentium in circuitu triuatim persistentium laetitiae Ut huius dapsilitatis altithroni moderatoris clementia merear optinere consortium. Quamdam rustuli patrimoniam unam mansam qui nuncupatur uocabulo [illegible] meo fideli ministro hunurme ob eternam future uitae cum omnibus utensilibus que deus celorum in ipsa telluris superficie collocauit pratis uel deest pascuis · siluis perpetua largitus sum hereditate Quicumque uicinamque post fragilis uite curriculum uoluerit heredi liberam habeat cum omnibus adscrite pertinentibus aeternaliter in ius proprium potestatem tradendi. Si autem praefatum rus quod ego cum optimatum eorum consensu praedicto largitus sum Omni terrene seruitutis iugo solutum tribus uidelicet exceptis rata uidelicet expeditione pontis arcisue restauratione seductus amentia quod non optamus hanc nostre munificentie dampnitatis ausu temerario infringere temptauerit · sit ipse alienatus a consortio sancte dei ecclesie nec non a participatione sacro sancti corporis et sanguinis IHESU christi filii dei per quem totus terrarum orbis ab initio humani generis inimico liberatus · est et cum iuda christi proditore sinistra in parte deputatus. Ni prius nisi digna satisfactione humilis penitentiae quod contra sanctam dei ecclesiam rebellis egere praesumpsit Nec in uita hac practiri meruerit. Nec in theorica requiem apostata optinent ullam. Sed eterni barathri uiceribus trusus iugiter miserrimus cruciatur. Rura namque predicta istis terminis hinc inde circum iri videtur.

Dis sind þære ann þide land gemære æt stoke. Erest of sulforda east andlang heo þæres on culum þanon east riht to langan forda þanon suð andlang streames od culum lace andlang lace of þære lace upp to þere caldan die andlang þere die on ecagga cumb þanon on cinges slah þanon andlang þeges to þam mægen stane þanon suþ þær þa þeges tohigeð þanon on þone norþ mystan hinge þeg andlang hinges to þere cord burh middepeardre þanon on brydeun pyll þanon at on exan upp andlang exan od seruera leges lace ⁊ seruera leg þær to þanon fram æþelstanes hammes forda eft on sulford ⁊ nij. ærcras be þestan exa tornagean eilfeðes eald land.

Anno ab incarnationis · Millesimo · XXXI · scripta est huius munificentie singraphia. His testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina decussatim domino disponente carraxantur.

Ego CNUT brittannie totius anglorum monarchus hoc agie crucis tumate roborani.

Ego æþelnod doroberniensis ecclesie archiepiscopus eiusdem regis principatum et benuolentiam sub sigillo sancte crucis conclusi.

Ego ælfgifo regina humillima adiuui.
Ego ælfsige episcopus assensum prebui.
Ego ælfþig episcopus dictando titulaui.
Ego brihtpold episcopus dignum duxi.
Ego ælmær episcopus confirmaui.
Ego lyfinc episcopus consolidaui.

Ego godwine dux.
Ego siuteric dux.
Ego hrani dux.
Ego brihtmer abbas.
Ego æþelperd abbas.
Ego æþelrine abbas.

Ego odda minister.
Ego ordgar minister.
Ego ælfgar minister.
Ego leofsige minister.
Ego eadmær minister.
Ego æþelmær minister.

Ego eadsige minister.
Ego toki minister.
Ego toui minister.
Ego eadwine minister.
Ego dodda minister.
Ego ælfgar minister.

XI.

CNUT. A.D. 1031

WE are early [illegible] taught by the command of the Ruler throned on high, that we, completely subject to Him, should serve Him prostrating ourselves under his feet Who, having disposed the fabric of the whole world in wonderful and ineffable order, out of the quadriform material of creation at last created man, the microcosm Adam to wit, instinct with general breath after His own image, and giving him power over all the lower creatures—one alone by way of trial excepted and forbidden He placed him most honourably amidst the pleasure and delights of Paradise with a consort Eve to wit, for a companion But alas! led away by the ironical scoffing of a goblin and the tergiversation of a fickle and persuasive virago in contempt of the curse the greedy prodigal eat of the forbidden fruit and being cast down into the miserable life brought everlasting death upon himself and upon his descendants. Then by the fragrant and reviving Godhead of Christ unpolluted by the sufferings of His manhood, freedom mercifully befell man, who had been given over to slavery Wherefore I Cnut, by the support of the High Thrained, King of the Angles and the other ones everywhere dwelling roundabout, in order that I may, through the clemency of the Ruler throned on high, be worthy of participation in this bounty have bestowed in perpetual inheritance upon my faithful thane Hunnwine, in eternal tabut of the life to come, a certain parcel of a small estate namely, one hide which is called by the name of Stock, with all utensils which the God of Heaven has placed together on the surface of the same land, meadows, to wit, pastures and woods so that he may have the power of freely transmitting it, after the course of this frail life to whatsoever heir he may please, with all things free of right belonging as of his own right in fee. Moreover let the aforesaid estate, which I, with the consent of my nobles, have bestowed upon the aforesaid thane be absolved from all bond of land service, three to wit excepted, to wit army expedition and the repairs of bridge and earth If however, which God forbid, any one possessed of a devil, and seduced by the insanity of avarice shall attempt with rash daring to infringe this bounty of our munificence let him be alienated from the brotherhood of God body christ and from participation in the holy body and blood of Jesus Christ the son of God, through whom the whole world has been freed from the ancient enmity of the human race, and let him be placed on the left hand with Judas the betrayer of Christ, unless he have beforehand humbly repent with meet amends of that which he has rebelliously presumed to do against God's holy church. Nor shall he, apostate obtain any pardon in the actual life to come in that to come but thirst into the eternal flame of Hell he most wretched creature that he is, everlastingly tormented For neither it seems that the aforesaid lands are encompassed by the these boundaries

These are the boundaries of the one hide at Stoke First, from Sulford east along the high road to Culm, thence east straight to Langford then south along the stream to Culm lake, along the lake, from the lake up to the old ditch, along the ditch to Chagcombe, thence to the King's slough; thence along the way to the mighty stone thence south to where the ways meet thence to the northernmost ridge way, along the ridge to the earth barrow, nodwold thence to Bridiswell, thence out to the Exe up along the Exe to Shrawley lake and Shrawley beside, then from Ethelstan's home ford again to Sulford and four fields west of Exe over against Elfeths old land.

The bond of the bounty was written in the year from the incarnation one thousand and thirty-one These witnesses consenting whose names are, the Lord disposing, honourably written beneath

I Cnut Monarch of all the Angles of Britain have strengthened this with the Marvel of the holy Cross
I Ethelnoth archbishop of Canterbury have concluded the preference and benevolence of the same King under the sign of the holy cross
I Elfgifu most humble Queen have assented.
I Elfsige bishop have given consent
I Elfwig bishop have entitled by dictating
I Brihtwold bishop have thought fit
I Elmer bishop have confirmed.
I Lyfinc bishop have consolidated

I Godwine duke
I Siftric duke.
I Hrani duke
I Brihtmer abbot
I Ethelwerd abbot
I Ethelwine abbot

I Odda thane
I Ordgar thane
I Elfgar thane
I Leofsige thane.
I Eadmer thane
I Ethelmer thane

I Eadsige thane
I Toki thane
I Toui thane
I Eadwine thane.
I Dodda thane
I Elfgar thane

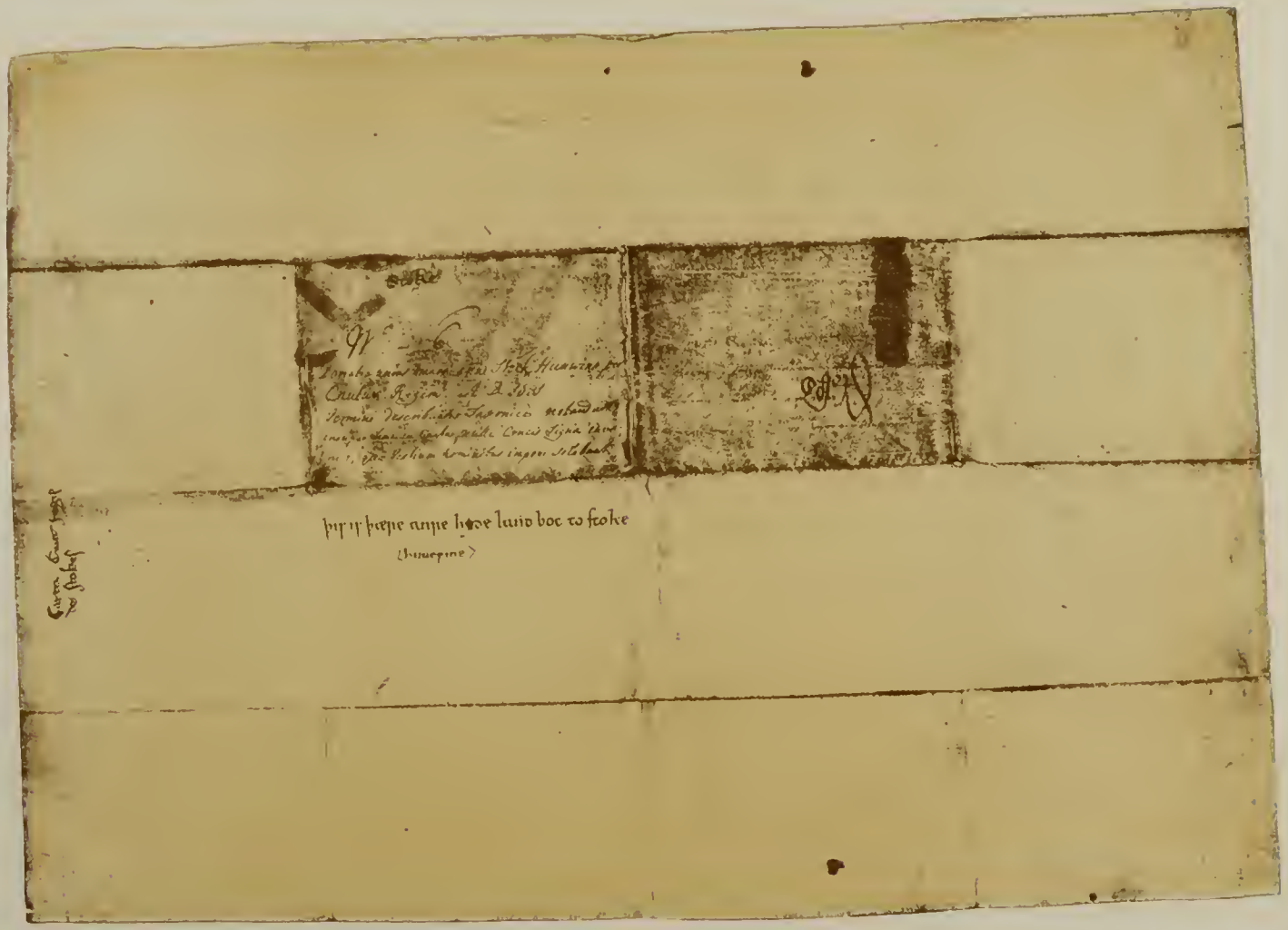
PATRI THRONI moderatoris imperio trinitatis instruimur. Et illi opido subiecti et subpeditanei famulemur. Qui totius mundi fabricā mirā mesta-
biliq: disponens serenamico crosinum adam uidelicet tandē quatrifoorm plasmatum materia alino adsimilitudinē sui instinctum spiraui-
ne. Vniuersisq: minimis formauerit uno phandi causa excepto uetitoq: pcepti paradisice amoenitatis iocunditate contlaterina eia solicet comite
decentissime collocauit. Laruatica pdolor seductus cauillatione uersipellis sua sibilisq. tergiuersatione uiregimis pellect anathematis alogia ambro pomū
mortifer uetitū ē sibi ac posteris mihoc criminoso deiect seculo loetū pmer uit ppetuū. Intacta igit redolente. xpi diuinitate passaq. ipsius humanitate
libertas addictis clementer contigit seruulis. Hinc ego. cnut. alti throno amimi gaudente angloy cetiarumq: gentium mercatri triuiatim pistentium basileus.
Vt huius dapsilitatis altithroni moderatoris clementia merear optinere consortiū. Quandā rustuli particulā unā mansim qui nuncupat uocabulo. scoe.
meo fideli ministro humipine. obtenā sicure uite talionē cū omnibz uiciniis quę dī cedoy impsa telluris superficie collocauit. pmtis uidelicet. Pascuis.
Siluis. ppetua largit sum hereditate. Quatenū cui cū. post fragilis uite curriculū uoluerit heredi. liberū habeat cū omnibz adsentire p uicinitibz acternaliter
mihi. pprium potestate uendendi. Sit autē pfatū rus quod ego cum obtimatū meoy consensu pdicto largit sum. Omni terrene seruitutis iugo solutum
tribz uidelicet exceptis uita uidelicet expeditione pontis arcis ne restauratio one. Siquis uero tam extraneus quam philargine seductus antea quod non optamus
hunc uite munificentie dampsilitatis ausu temerario infringere tempauerit. sit ipse alienat a consortio sce dī ecclesie nec non et a participatione sacro sci cor-
poris et sanguinis mihi xpi filii dī pque toe terrenis orbis habitatoris humani generis inimico liberet ē. et cū iuda xpi pditore sinistre impaste deputet. Ni prius hic
digna satisfactione humilis penituerit quod contra scām dī ecclesiā rebellis egere psumpsit. Nec inuita hac practica uenia. Nec inchoatica requiē apostata
optineat ullam. Sed aeternis banditis incendis trusus iugiter inserimus crucietur. Hunc nanq: p dicta istis terminis hinc inde circū ira uidetur.

[illegible]

Anno abincarnationis. Millessimo. xxxi scripta est. huius munificentie singularia. His testibz consentientibz quoy inferius nomina decussatim domino
disponente carraxantur.

Ego	cnut brytannie totius angloy monarchus hoc agie crucis signaculo roborui.										
Ego	aethelnod dorobernensis ecclesie archi eps eiusdē regis primi patrū. ex bona uolentia sub sigillo sce crucis conclusi.										
Ego	aelfgar	regina humillima adhuiu	.	Ego	godwine	dux	.	Ego	odda	min	.
Ego	aelfrige	eps	assensum prebui	.	Ego	ptheric	dux	.	Ego	siward	min
Ego	aelfric	eps	pactando tradidi	.	Ego	hwati	dux	.	Ego	aelfgar	min
Ego	brihtwold	eps	dignum: duxi	.	Ego	brihtmaer	abb	.	Ego	leofrige	min
Ego	aelmaer	eps	confirmaui	.	Ego	aethelwaer	abb	.	Ego	eadmaer	min
Ego	lyfinc	eps	consolidaui		Ego	aethelwine	abb		Ego	aethelmaer	min

Ego	eadwige	min	.	Ego	toki	min
Ego	toui	min		Ego	eadwine	min
Ego	dodda	min		Ego	aelfgiefu	min



þis is þeme ande hære land boc to stoke

(hinuepine)

XI.

Stoke.

þis is þære anre hýde land boc to stoke

(hunepinc)

Stoke.

Carta Cnut Regis de Stokes

XI.

Stoke

This i the deed of the one hide land at Stoke

Hunewinc

Stoke.

The Charter of King Cnut of St

XII.

EADWARD THE CONFESSOR. A.D. 1044.

REGIS CUNCTORUM REGUM REGIMINE REGUNTUR OMNIA SUPERA IMA PROFUNDAQUE CUIUS QUOQUE INMENSA BENIUOLENTIA SUB INDE QUEM SIBI OBTEMPERANTEM PERSPEXERIT ET PRAEsentibus locupletat habunde opibus et post istius miserę uite decursum · facit eum pennis angelicis transcendere ad regna supernorum gaudiorum. Qui etiam solus uoluntate ęterni patris disponit sceptra iuraque regnorum est nempe dux ducum rexque omnium procul dubio regum. Cuius rei autem gratia a nobis inclitus sit hic donationis libellus consequenter manistabitur in precedente paginula. Igitur ego EADUUARDUS opitulante potentissimo dei possidens totius monarchiam angelcę nec ne et brittannię telluris haud modice concedendo concessus sum eundem meo idoneo capellano LEOFRICO onomate nuncupato quoddam rus in uilla quę ab incolis regionis illius uocitatur. DOFLISC scilicet · vii · mansos illimet ad arandum eo tenore quo omnibus diebus uitę suę absque aliqua machina sub illius honorifice regatur dominio atque potestate postque finem dierum illius habeat potestatem cuicumque placuerit tribuendi aut erogandi. Precepimus autem ut ante fatum rus sit liberum ab omni fiscali tributo uel uectigali · cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus tam in maximis quam in modicis rebus campis pascuis pratis siluisque exceptis istis tribus expeditione pontis · arcisque constructione. His itaque a nobis prout debuimus cuique placuit reuerentię nostrę et uoluntati stabilitis adhuc quod minime est obliuioni tradendum · uolumus ut hic presens cartellus nostrę licencię scriptus · dampnet conculcet atque anathematizet cunctos emulorum si qui contra eundem reperti fuerint libellos. Si quis autem quod futurum minime autumo presumptione audaci instinctuque diabolico contra nostrum decretum hanc donationis Karterulam adnihilare uel pro nihilo ducere temptauerit in primis quod grauius est iram dei omnipotentis genitricisque eius uidelicet almę et intactę marię incurrat · de hinc meam omniumque satellitum meorum · noxatque se obnoxium atque reum omnibus horis atque momentis solorum · fiatque pars illius cum dathan et abyron cumque tortuoso beelzebub principe muscarum in baratra inferiori et quod indigne seu procaciter repetit non eum dicat sed cum dedecore multimodo expulsus sit a nobis nisi prius hic digna penitudine studuerit ultro non coactus emendare. Anno incarnationis dominicę · m.xliiii. indictione · xii epactaque xviii et concurrente vii sedie t bissextili anno · karaxata est hęc kartula gubernante piissimo anglorum cateruam rege feliciter EADUUARDO ;

Dis sindo þa land gemæro. Ærest on tenge muðan upp andlang þæs flotes on crampan steort · 7 spa eft on gean be þam sealteruon on þa stræte on pest healfe michaheles ciricean · 7 spa norð andlang þære stræte on þa greatan dic · þanon norð eft on gerihte on þone blindan pill · on þam pille norð on gerihte on þone dunnan stan · þanon eft norð rihte on þa ealdan dic · 7 spa andlang þære dic norð on gerihte ofer pæter scota cumb. þanon up andlang þære ealdan ræpe on þa stapulas · fram þam stapulon on gerihte andlang hrycges on sand holean · of sand holean anglang stræte on blacan penn · þanon andlang stræte on bradan mores heafdon · 7 þanon on gerihte andlang stræte oð eorð birig · 7 spa norð andlang stræte on stan beorh · 7 spa niðer andlang stræte on doflisc ford · 7 þanon norð of þam forda andlang þære port stræte on rise slædes heafdon · spa niðer andlang streames on coce ford and spa andlang þæs flotes ut on exan · niðer eft andlang exan þær sciter lacu ut scit · 7 spa up andlang sciter lace on þæs flotes heafod · þanon siððan suð on þa ealdan dic · 7 spa on gerihte to þam readan stane · of þam stane suð ut on þa sæ · spa pest be sæ eft on tenge muðan.

Ego EADUUARDUS rex totius anglicę gentis · huius donationis libertatem hilari animo fieri concessi.
Ego eadsinus christi ęcclesię archipresul corroboraui.
Ego ælfricus eboracensis ęcclesię archiepiscopus consolidaui.
Ego lifingus crydianensis ęcclesię pontifex rogatus a rege calomo scripsi.
Ego ælnuinus episcopus assensum prebui.
Ego brihtuuoldus episcopus confirmaui.
Ego dudico episcopus consignaui.
Ego ealdredus episcopus corroboraui.
Ego ælfuuinus abba nouę ęcclesię.
Ego ægeluuardus abba glestoniensis ęcclesię.
Ego æthelstanus abba.
Ego uulfuueardus abba.
Ego goduuinus abba.

Ego goduuinus dux stabiliui.
Ego leofricus dux.
Ego sunegen dux.
Ego siguuardus dux.
Ego haroldus nobilis.
Ego tosti nobilis.
Ego leofuuinus nobilis.
Ego odda nobilis.
Ego ordgarus nobilis.
Ego ælfgarus nobilis.
Ego ordulfus nobilis.
Ego dodda nobilis.
Ego brihtricus nobilis.

Ego osgodus minister.
Ego ælfstanus minister.
Ego ecglafus minister.
Ego æthelmærus minister.
Ego karl minister.
Ego atsorus minister.
Ego godricus minister.
Ego ælfuuinus minister.
Ego ulfcytel minister.
Ego osmærus minister.
Ego regulfus minister.
Ego goduinus minister.
Ego ælfricus minister.

Ego æþelperdus minister.
Ego pulfperdus minister.
Ego æþelricus minister.
Ego liuingeus minister.
Ego uulfgarus minister.
Ego brihtpinus minister.
Ego uulfsige minister.
Ego þurkyl minister.
Ego toui minister.
Ego æþelpinus minister.
Ego þurstanus minister.
Ego ælfgeat minister.
Ego manni minister.

XII.

EADWARD THE CONFESSOR. A.D. 1044.

ALL things above, below, and in the depths of the sea are governed by the rule of the King of all Kings, whose immense benevolence at once abundantly croweneth him whom He may have perceived to be obedient to Him, with present wealth, and after the [illegible] of this wretched life maketh him to mount upon angels' wings to the realms of heavenly joy. He also who, alone by the will of the Eternal Father, disposes the rule and laws of Kingdoms, is truly a chief of chiefs, a King beyond a doubt, of all Kings. In acknowledgment whereof by us let this deed of gift be commenced and notably set out in the preceding page. Therefore I Eadward, by the help of Almighty God possessing the monarchy of all the land of Anglia and Britain have, with no mean hand, granted to my deserving chaplain, [illegible] by name Leofric, a certain estate in the vill which is called by the inhabitants of that district, Dawlish, to wit seven hides thereat, in this sense, that it shall be honourably governed under his rule and power, without any contention, all the days of his life, and after the end of his days, he shall have the power of leaving or bequeathing it to whomsoever he may wish. We command, moreover, that the aforesaid estate shall be free from all fiscal tribute or impost with all things to it of right belonging as well in great as in small matters, fields, pastures, meadows, and wood, except these three, army expedition and the building of bridge and castle. These things therefore being by us settled in accordance with our duty, and as it has seemed good to our pleasure and dignity we further, in order that they may by no means be buried in oblivion—will that this present written codicil of our license shall damn, tread under foot, and anathematize all deeds of rivals, if any such be found, that shall be opposed to it. Moreover, if any one which I do not in the least anticipate, shall attempt with audacious presumption and diabolical instinct against our decree, to annulate or set at naught this charter of our grant in the first place, which is the more grievous, may he incur the wrath of Almighty God and His Mother the Virgin and immaculate Mary to wit, and in the next place let him know that he is obnoxious to that of myself and all my satellites, and that he is answerable every hour and moment of his life, and let his portion be with Dathan and Abiram and the tortuous Beelzebub Prince of Flies, in the lower Hell; and may that which he has shamefully and impudently sought to take away, not enrich him, but let him be driven forth from among us with various forms of infamy unless he here beforehand shall duly with due contrition to make reparation of his own accord without compulsion. This charter was written in the year from the incarnation of our Lord 1044, the 12th indiction—18th epact—and 7th concurrent to wit in Leap year Edward the most devout King happily reigning over the multitude of the Angles.

These are the boundaries. First at Teignmouth up along the fleets to Cramp Start and so back again by the salterns on the street on the west side of Saint Michael's Church and so north along the street to the great dike then north again straight on to the blind well from the well north straight on to the dusky stone thence again north straight on to the old dike and so along the dike north straight on over Water shot Combe, thence up along the old row to the staples from the staples straight on along the ridge to the sand hulks from the sand hulk along the street to Black Head, thence along the street to Broad moor's head, and thence straight on along the street to the earth barrow, and so north along the street to the stone barrow and so downward along the street to Dawlish ford and thence north from the ford along the port street to Rush slade's head so downward along the stream to Coce ford and so along the fleet out to the Exe downward again along the Exe to where Shooter lake flows out and so up along Shooter lake to the fleet's head, thence again south to the old dike and so straight on to the red stone from the stone south out to the sea; so west by the sea again to Teignmouth.

I Eadward King of the whole English people have with a joyful mind granted that the liberty of this grant should be made
I Eadsin archbishop of Christ's church have corroborated.
I Ælfric archbishop of the church of York have consolidated
I Lifing pontiff of the church of Crediton being asked by the King have written with a pen
I Elwine bishop have given assent
I Brihtwold bishop have confirmed.
I Dudico bishop have signed
I Ealdred bishop have corroborated
I Ælfwine abbot of New Church
I Egeluuard abbot of Glastonbury
I Ethelstan abbot.
I Wulfweard abbot.
I Godwine abbot.

I Godwine duke have settled it
I Leofric duke
I Sweyn duke
I Sigeward duke
I Harold noble
I Tosti noble
I Leofwine noble
I Odda noble
I Ordgar noble
I Ælfgar noble
I Ordulf noble
I Dodda noble
I Briht[illegible]

I Osgod thane
I Ælfstan thane
I Ecglaf thane
I Æthelmær thane
I Karl thane
I Atsor thane
I Godric thane
I Ælfwine thane
I Ulfcytel thane
I Osmær thane
I Ecgulf thane
I Godwine thane
I Ælfric thane

I Æthelwerd thane
I Wulfwerd thane
I Æthelric thane
I Living thane
I Wulfgar thane
I Brihtwine thane
I Wulfsige thane
I Thurkyl thane
I Tovi thane
I Æthelwine thane
I Thurstan thane
I Ælfgeat thane
I Mann thane

PREGIS CUNCTORUM REGUM REGIMINE REGUNTUR OMNIA · SUPERANIMA · PROFUNDAQUE · CUNCTAQUE IHMENSA · DEUM VOLENTIBUS · ET · NEQUE SIBI OBTEMPERANTEM · PER SPECERIT · ET · PRAE
sentib: loci pleniat habunde opib: & post istius miseri uite decursū · facit cū pauis ad gedicis transire celere ad regna supernorū · gaudiorū · Qui cuā solus uoluntate cūm pauis
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meo idonico capellano LEOFRICO · nomate nuncupato quoddā rusinulla quē abincolis regionis illius uocitat · DOFBISE · scilicet · VII · mansorillum · ad arandum · cū tenore quo omib: dicb:
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Ego EADUUARDUS rex totius angliae gentis · hui donationis libertate · hilari animo · fieri concessi.
Ego eadsinus · rpi · ecclē · archi · psul · corroborau.
Ego alfricus · cbonr · ecclīs · archi · cpī · consolidau.
Ego lifingus · crydhanensis · ecclē · pontifex · rogatus · arrege · calamo · scripsi.
Ego adinunus · cpī · assensū · pbui.
Ego brihtwoldus · cpī · confirmau.
Ego dodico · cpī · consignau.
Ego aldredus · cpī · corroborau.
Ego alfuuinus · abba · nouē · ecclē.
Ego egelnuardus · abba · glestoniensis · ecclīe.
Ego athelstanus · abba.
Ego uulfuucardus · abba.
Ego goduuinus · abba.

Ego goduinus · dux · Italiliui
Ego leofricus · dux.
Ego suuegen · dux.
Ego sigeuardus · dux.
Ego haroldus · nobilis
Ego [illegible] · nobilis
Ego lafingus · nobilis
Ego oddi · nobilis
Ego ordgarus · nobilis
Ego alfuuard · nobilis
Ego ordulfus · nobilis
Ego dodda · nobilis
Ego brithricus · nobilis

Ego osgodus · minister
Ego alfstanus · minister
Ego aeglafus · minister
Ego athelmerus · minister
Ego karl · minister
Ego [illegible] · minister
Ego godricus · minister
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Ego osmarus · minister
Ego aegulfus · minister
Ego goduinus · minister
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Ego alfredus · min
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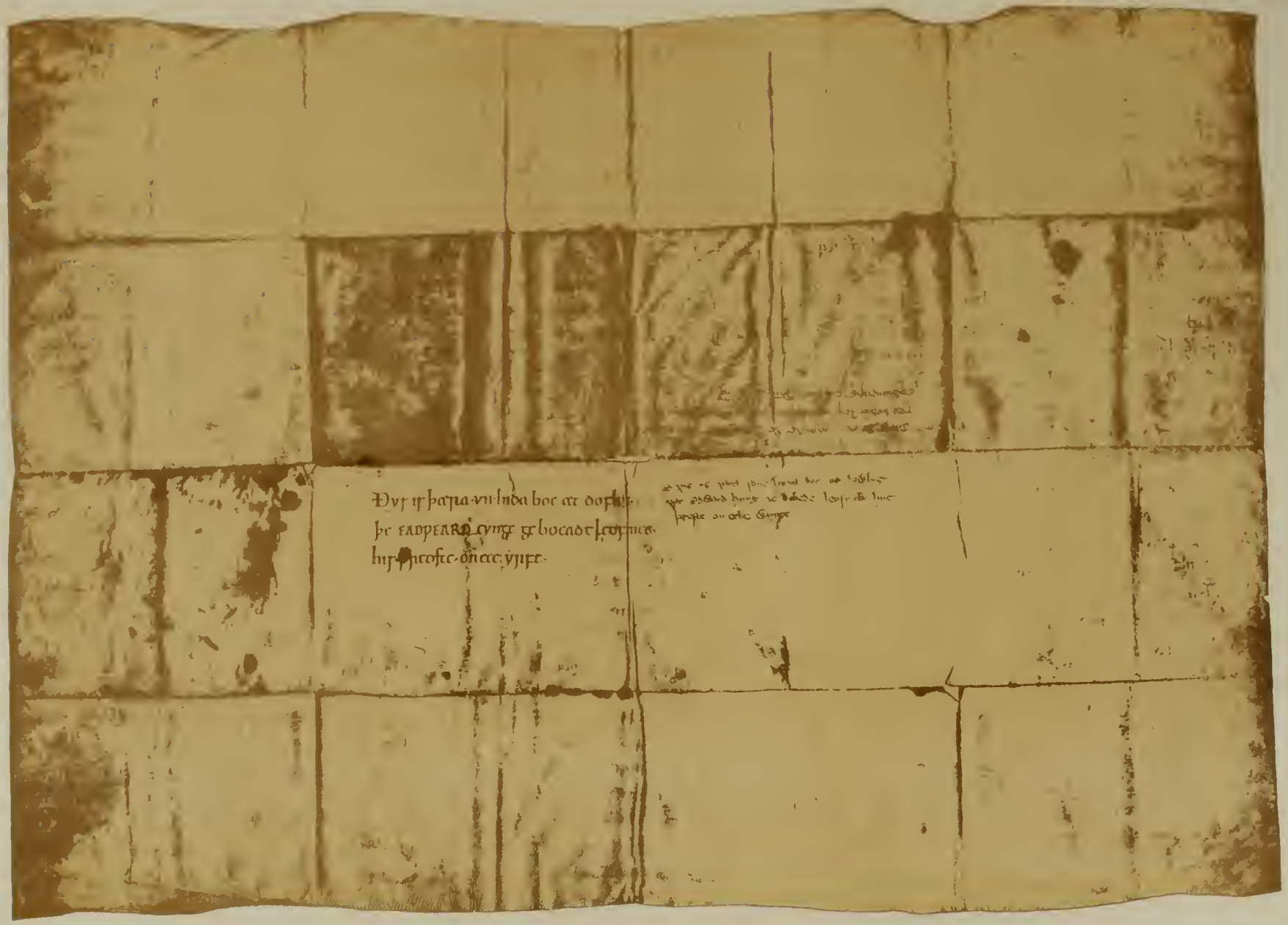

XII.

Dys is þara vii hida boc þæt doflise + EADWEARD cynge gebocade leofrice his preoste on ece yrfe.

> Þis ys þara seue hyda boc of dowlys þat Edward Kyng ȝe bokede leofrick hys preste on eche wryte.

Carta de vii mansis de dowthlies quas sanctus Elwardus rex dedit leofrico capellano suo in tempore Lyfingi Episcopi Crydianensis sub anno domini M xlim

XII.

This is the deed of the 7 hides at Dawlish that King Edward registered to Leofric his priest in perpetual inheritance

> This is the deed of the seven hides of Dawlish that Edward King registered to Leofrick his priest in perpetual charter

The charter of the 7 hides of Dawlish which St. Edward the King gave to Leofric his chaplain in the time of Lyfing bishop of Crediton under the Year of our Lord 1044

XIII.

EADWARD THE CONFESSOR. A.D. 1050.

✠ IGITUR, CUM, UNIVERSA, INSAPIENTIA, ADEO, BENE, CONDITA, SINT · VIDElicet cęlum arvum · et quę in eis continentur · dignum quippe equumque dinoscitur fore quamquam impossibilitas egrę humanitatis humanos actus plurimis calamitatibus conturbet · quo nos qui rectores hominum a deo constituti dicimur instinctu superne clementię · iuxta modulum nostre censure · prudenter equitatem ciuilis exquirere studeamus scientię · atque precipue res aecclesiasticę · benigne discutiendo tractare · et ea quę cernuntur nostris non equa optutibus · rectius construere · sicque sanctita · ad profectum innocentię · siue utriusque uitę corroborando gubernare. Equidem gloriosum est nimiumque laudabile destructas edes sanctorum locorum ad diuinum adminiculum exposcendum redificare · sacraque altaria uenustis uelis cum nitore pii cordis uelare · et unam quamque nocturnam · siue diurnam suauixim armoniacis modulis resonare. Qua propter ego EADUUEARDUS · dei gratia anglorum · rex consilio imbutus bone uoluntatis quoniam prouisum est mihi iuxta quod precipitur in diuinis decretis cathedram pontificalem consolidare exonię ciuitatis · in monasterio beati petri apostolorum principis · quod est situm infra moenia eiusdem urbis · auctoritate superni regis · meaque meęque coniugis. EADGYDE · ac uniuersorum episcoporum · ducumque meorum · per hoc priuilegium testamenti · atque cautionem cyrographi · inperpetuo tempore · constituo presulem. LEOFRICUM ut sit ibi pontifex · et post illum ceteri adfuturi · ad laudem · et gloriam sanctę et indiuidue trinitatis · patris et filii · et spiritus sancti et ad honorem sancti petri apostoli. Dono actiam omnes possessiones ad eundem locum pertinentes quecumque sint · tam in ruribus · quam in pascuis · pratis · siluis aquis · liberis · seruis ancillis · legibus · censu · pagis · deo sanctoque petro · fratribusque canonicis ibi famulantibus ut habeant iugiter subsidium habertim corporis · quo ualeant christo militare sine ulla molestia animi. Hoc tamen notum · papę domno in primis LEONI facio · ipsiusque altestatione confirmo deincepsque cunctis anglorum magnatibus · quod cornubiensem diocesim quę olim in beati germani memoria · atque petroci ueneratione episcopali solio assignata fuerat ipsam cum omnibus sibi adiacentibus parrochiis · terris · uillis · opibus · beneficiis sancto petro in exonia ciuitate trado · scilicet ut una sit sedes episcopalis unumque pontificium · et una ecclesiastica regula · propter paucitatem · atque deuastationem bonorum et populorum · quoniam piratici cornubiensem ac cridiensem aecclesias deuastare poterant · ac per hoc in ciuitate exonia tutiorem munitionem aduersum hostes habere uisum est · et ideo ibi sedem esse uolo. Hoc est ut cornubia cum suis aecclesiis · et deuenonia cum suis simul in uno episcopatu sint · et ab uno episcopo regantur. Itaque hoc priuilegium · ego EADUUEARDUS rex, manu mea super altare sancti petri pono · et presulem LEOFRICUM · per dexterum brachium ducens meaque regina · EADGYDA per sinistrum in cathedra episcopali consisto presentibus meis ducibus et consanguineis · nobilibus nec non capellanis et affirmantibus laudantibusque archiepiscopis · EADSINO · ET ALFRICO · cum ceteris aliis · quorum nomina describentur in meta huius cautionis. Enimuero siquis hoc testamentum priuilegii affirmare post meum uitę transitum · et bona aecclesię augere tuendo uoluerit · adaugeat omnipotens deus dies uitę eius · atque centuplicato fructu nono decimo coronet eum aeterno premio in gaudio aetherio. Si autem quod absit aliquis compilator fraudis · uel cauillator · fautoris · neuo fomitatus iniquę cupidinis hanc cautionem seu decretum huius episcopii · destituere · aut permutare contempnendo presumpserit · uel eiusdem minuere et subtrahere substantiam temptauerit · aeternis mancipatus habenis cum diabolo eiusque ministris sit separatus a christo · ipsiusque sanctis · disgregatione perpetuę anathematis fiat. Anno igitur incarnationis dominicę · Millesimo · L · INDICTIONE iii Epacteque xxv · et concurrentes vii Hęc cautio scripta est edictione solida · karacterata karacteribus testium · iubente piissimo rege anglorum EADUUEARDO · gubernante eodem feliciter totius monarchiam maioris bryttannię.

EGO EADUUEARDUS REX hoc donum cautione hac affirmo.
EGO EADSINUS ARCHIEPISCOPUS manu mea subscripsi.
EGO ÆLFRICUS ARCHIEPISCOPUS eboracensis ęcclesię consolidaui.
EGO STIGANDUS EPISCOPUS dignum duxi
EGO HERIMANUS EPISCOPUS corroboraui.
EGO EALDREDUS EPISCOPUS consensi.

EGO ÆGELPERDUS ABBAS adiuuaui.
EGO ÆLFPINUS ABBAS adiuuaui.
EGO SIHTRICUS ABBAS adiuuaui.
EGO REINBALDUS presbyter laudaui.
EGO GODMANNUS presbyter laudaui.
EGO GODPINUS presbyter laudaui.

EGO GODpinus dux.
EGO LEOfricus dux.
EGO SIperdus dux.
EGO Swegen dux.
EGO Haraldus dux.
EGO radulfus dux

EGO tosti nobilis.
EGO odda nobilis.
EGO byrihtricus nobilis.
EGO ordgarus minister.
EGO ælfgarus minister.
EGO touinus minister.

EGO radulfus minister.
EGO dodda minister.
EGO eadulfus minister.
EGO ordulfus minister.
EGO osmerus minister.
EGO cegulfus minister.

XIII.

EADWARD THE CONFESSOR. A.D. 1050.

✠ AS all things have been by God created in wisdom, to wit, the heavens, the earth and all that in them is; and as it is perceived to be right and proper although the impotence of suffering humanity by multifold mishaps confounds the acts of men—that we who are said to have been by God appointed rulers over men, should by inspiration of Divine mercy prudently study, after the measure of our judgment, to inquire into the equity of civil knowledge and especially to take in hand and in kindly manner investigate ecclesiastical matters putting to rights those things which do not in our eyes appear to be just and by strengthening the same so settled, manage them for the profit of innocence and the advantage of either life. For it is indeed a glorious and exceedingly praiseworthy thing to rebuild the ruined temples of holy places destined for prayer for divine succour and to clothe the sacred altars with beautiful coverings—with the splendour of a pious heart and make every assembly, whether by night or by day, ring with harmonious melody. Therefore I Eadward by God's grace King of the Angles, imbued with the resolution of good will since it has been assigned to me in accordance with the divine decrees to confirm the pontifical chair of the city of Exeter in the monastery of St Peter the prince of the Apostles which is situated within the walls of the same city—by authority of the Most High King my own and that of my consort Eadgyth and of all my bishops and principal nobles, do by this privilege of testament and chirograph of charter, for ever appoint bishop Leofric to be pontiff there and after him others to come, to the praise and glory of God and the holy and indivisible Trinity the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and to the honour of St Peter the Apostle. And I give all possessions to the same place belonging, whatever they be as well in lands as in pasture meadows, woods waters serfs, female servants, laws, rent and contracts to God and St Peter and the brethren and canons serving God there that they may have in perpetuity bodily sustenance in plenty whereby they may be enabled to fight for Christ without any trouble of mind. This moreover do I first make known to Pope Leo and confirm it by his attestation and then to all the magnates of the Angles, that I deliver over the diocese of Cornwall—which in time past had been appointed an Episcopal See in memory of St German and in veneration of Petroc—with all its adjoining parishes, lands, vills, substance and benefices, to St Peter in Exeter, to wit, that it be one episcopal seat and one pontificate and one ecclesiastical rule. And because of the fewness of its inhabitants and the destruction of their property—for pirates had been able to devastate the churches of Cornwall and Crediton—it has been considered that a safer defence against enemies can be obtained in Exeter and therefore I will that the see be there. That is, that Cornwall with its churches and Devonshire with its churches be joined together in one bishopric and be governed by one bishop. Therefore I Eadward, King, with my own hand place this privilege upon the altar of St. Peter and leading bishop Leofric by the right arm and my Queen Eadgyth leading him by the left place him upon the episcopal seat in the presence of my princes and kinsmen, my nobles and chaplains, the archbishops Eadsi and Ælfric consenting and applauding with others whose names are described at the foot of this charter. And if of a truth if any one, after the passage of my life, shall wish, in support to confirm this testament of privilege and increase the goods of the church, may Almighty God lengthen the days of his life and his nones and tenths being multiplied an hundred-fold, crown him with an eternal reward among the joys of Heaven. If however, which God forbid any plunderer or caviller, inflamed by the blotch of unrighteous greed, shall contemptuously presume to defraud or alter this charter or decree of this bishopric, or attempt to diminish or detract from the substance of the same, let him be laid in everlasting chains with the Devil and his ministers and separated from Christ and His saints by the division of a perpetual curse. In the year of the Dominical Incarnation 1050—the 3rd indiction—25th epact and 7th concurrent—this charter was written in firm command and inscribed with the signs of witnesses by order of Eadward the most pious king of the Angles the same happily governing the monarchy of the whole of greater Britain.

I Eadward King confirm this grant with the charter
I Eadsi archbishop have subscribed with my hand.
I Ælfric archbishop of the church of York have consolidated
I Stigand bishop have thought fit.
I Heriman bishop have corroborated.
I Ealdred bishop have consented

I Ægelwerd abbot have supported
I Ælfwine abbot have supported.
I Sihtric abbot have supported
I Reinbald priest have applauded
I Godman priest have applauded
I Godwine priest have applauded

I Godwine duke
I Leofric duke
I Siwerd duke
I Swein duke.
I Harald duke.
I Ralph duke.

I Tosti noble.
I Odda noble.
I Byrihtric noble
I Ordgar thane
I Ælfgar thane.
I Tovi thane

I Ralph thane.
I Dodda thane.
I Eadulph thane
I Ordulph thane
I Osmær thane
I Ecgulf thane

HIC ITVR CVM VNIVERSA INSAPIENTIA ADEO BENE CONDITA SINT VIDE-
licet oculum aruum. & quę inest conuenitur. dignū quippe equumq: dinoscitur fore. quamquā impossibilitas egrę humanitatis humanos actus plurimis calami-
tatibus conturbet. quo nos qui rectores hominū adeo constituti dicimur instinctu supnę clementię. iuxta modulū nrę censurę. prudenter equitatē auibus exquirere studeamus
sacratę. atq: precipue res ecclesiasticę. benigne discernendo tractare. & ea quę cernuntur nris non equa operatib: rectius constituere. sicq sanctitas adp fectū innocentię. siue utriusq:
uitę corroborando gubernare; Et quidem gloriosum est nimiumq: laudabile. destructas eclesiarum locorū ad diuinum ad iniuriam exposcendū re edificare. sacraq: altaria re-
nouatis. uidelicet cū iucore pii cordis uelare. & uanis quamq: nocturnis siue diurnam sinaxim. armoniacis modulis resonare. Qua pptr ego EADVVEARDVS. do gratia angloruū
rex cum filio meo uirtutis bonę uoluntatis. qui pulsum a sede sua. iuxta quod principis in diuinis decretis. carbaldum pontificem condolere exonię auitatis. in monasterio bea-
ti petri apostolorū primatis. quod est situm infra moenia ciuitatis urbis. auctoritate supni regis. meaq: meęq: conuiuis. EADGYDE. de uniuersorū episcoporū. ducumq: meorū.
p hoc priuilegium testamenti. atq: cautionę cyrographi. in pprio tempore. constituo presulem. LEOFRICVM. ut sit ibi pontifex. & post illū cęteri ad futuri. ad laudē. &
gloriam sce & indiuidue trinitatis. patris & filii. & spis sci. & ad honorē sci petri apli. Dono ecclesiam omnis possessionis adeundē locum pertinentes quecumq: sint. tam in rure. quam
in pascuis. pratis. siluis. aquis. liberis. seruis. ancillis. legibus. censu. pagis. deo. scoq: petro. fratribusq: canonicis ibi famulantib: ut habeant iugiter subsidiū hubestum corporis. quo
ualeant xpo militare sine ulla molestia animi. Hoc tamen nouū. papę domno in primis LEONI facio. ipsiusq: ad testamentum confirmo. dum cepsq: cunctis angloruū magnatib:
quod connubiensem diocesim. quę olim in beati germani memoria. atq: petroa uenerabilis episcopali solio assignata fuerat. ipsam cum omnib: sibi adiacentib: parrochiis. terris
uillis. opibus. beneficiis. scō petro in exonia auitate trado. salica ut una sit sedes episcopalis. unuinq: pontificatū. & una. ecclesiastica regula. pptr paucitatē. atq: deuastationē
bonorum. & pdpatorū. qui priuata commodatem. [illegible] pp hoc in auitate exonia uicinore mutationē aliterum hostes habere insanitate
deo ibi salem esse uolo. Hoc est ut connubia cum suis ecclesiis. & dioecesia cū suis similis. in uno episcopatu sint. & a uno episcopo regantur. Itaq: hoc priuilegiū. ego EADV-
VEARDVS rex. manu mea sup altare sci petri pono. & presulem LEOFRICVM. p dexterum brachiū ducens. meaq: regina. EADGYDA. p sinistrū. in cathedra episcopali con-
sisto. presentib: meis duabus. & consanguineis. nobilib: [illegible] non capellanis. & affirmantib: laudantibusq: archiepis. EADSINO. ETALFRICO. cū cęteris aliis. quorū nomina describentur
in mea huius cautionis. Et minuere siquis hoc testamentū priuilegii affirmare. post meam uitę transitū. & bona ecclię augere uendo uoluerit. ad augeat omnipotens die uitę suę.
atq: centuplicato fructu nono decimo. coronet cū aeterno premio. in gaudio aetherio. Si autem quod absit aliquis cōpilator fraudis. uel cauillator. fautoris. nefario fomitatis inique
cupiditatis. hanc cartionē sui decessoris huius episcopii. destruere. aut pmutare contempnendo presumpserit. uel quisde minuere & subtraheri substantiā cōpauerit. aeternis manipatis
habenis cū diabolo. eiusq: ministris sit separatus a xpo. ipsiusq: sancti disgregatione pp eue anathematis fiat. Anno igitur in carnationis dominicę. Mill. L. INDICTIONE. III. Epactę. XXV.
concurr. VII. Hoc cartio scripta. solidata. solida. karakterata. karakterib: testiū iubente piissimo rege anglorū. EADVVEARDO. gubernante eclesię totius monarchiā maioris britannię.

EGO EADVVEARDVS REX hoc donum cartione hac affirmo.	EGO ÆGELPERDUS ABB adiuuaui.	EGO GODPINUS DUX. EGO TOFI NOBILIS.	EGO PADULFUS MIN.
EGO EADSINUS ARCHIEPS manu mea sub scripsi.	EGO [illegible]PINUS ABB adiuuaui.	EGO LEOFWINUS DUX. EGO ODDA NOBILIS.	EGO DODDA MIN.
EGO ÆLFRICUS ARCHIEPS eboracensis ecclę con solidaui.	EGO SIHTRICUS ABB adiuuaui.	EGO SIFGIDUS DUX. EGO BYJUHTWIC NOBILIS.	EGO CADULFUS MIN.
EGO STIGANDUS EPS dignum duxi.	EGO RAEINBALDUS PB laudaui.	EGO SPEGNI DUX. EGO ONDGARUS MIN.	EGO ONDULFUS MIN.
EGO HERIMANNUS EPS corroborauit.	EGO GODRANNUS PB laudaui.	EGO HAMALDUS DUX. EGO ELFGARUS MIN.	EGO OSMERUS MIN.
EGO ESLORENUS EPS consensi.	EGO GODPINUS PB laudaui.	EGO PADULFUS DUX. EGO TOUINUS MIN.	EGO EGULFUS MIN.

Dis is se gricolf to þam b. gifce on ðæmman sæte. 7 on þælan.
Cinewulf cyning gæ dilfce mid his witena gæðe. for his sæle
alfredes. se to þam biscop scolde on exan cerisge. Leofgifce be.
7 his eftcyme geiscean on ece yfre :—

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✠ Dis is se freols to þam biscoprice on defenan scire · · on ȝealan · þe EADþEARD cyninge dihte 7 gesette mid his ȝitena ræde for his saple alysednisse in to þam biscopstole on exanceastre Leofrice biscope · 7 his æfter gengecan on ece yrfe : —

Carta Edwardi Regis de consolidacione Sedis Episcopalis Cornubie · et Exonie et quod confirmat Ecclesie · Exonie omnes possessiones suas.

Carta Edwardi Regis de consolidacione Episcopatuum.

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This is the freedom belonging to the bishopric of Devonshire and of Wal[illegible] that King Eadward appointed and [illegible]thel with his council[illegible] rede for his soul's redemption to the bishops see at Exeter to bis[illegible]p Leofric and his [illegible] in perpetual inheritance

The charter of King Edward concerning the union of the episcopal see of Cornwall and Exeter and confirming the Church of Exeter in [illegible] possession.

The charter of King Edward concerning the union of the bishoprics

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EADWARD THE CONFESSOR. A.D. 1059.

✠Cum diuinę maiestatis potentia · secundum uelle crearet omnia · hominisque speciem ad suam crearet imaginem · inuidus omnium bonorum succinctus fraude malorum · ipsius hominis esse · suę malignitatis penitus depraauuit posse. Sed misericors condolens fragilitati · se ipsum subegit humanitati · quatenus futurorum prescius liberaret per semetipsum · quod ipse omnium malorum radix illexit ad interitum. Huius rei memores · nos nostrique consimiles · ei persoluamus gratias · ut oportet perpetuas · qui nos libertati · dedit et saluti. Unde dignum ducimus de bonis temporalibus · quę concessit dominus · uitę suffragari · ueniamque mereri · sic diuidentes transitoria · ut dum defecerimus recipiamur in ęterna tabernacula · quam velud umbra quę modo uidentur transibunt omnia. Qua propter ego · EADƀEARD rex anglorum · eorumque continium · nutu dei conpunctus · totiusque regni monarchia functus · optimatum consilio · cuidam fideli meo episcopo nomine Aldredo quandam partem telluris trado · id est · Trefgurabo · et Trefualoe · Trefgrueð · et Trefdepig · cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus campis · siluis · pratis · piscariisque liberam ab omni regali censu · excepta expeditione · arcisue munimine · eo tenore · ut perpetua possideat hereditate · dumque uniuersę carnis uiam intrauerit · cuicumque libeat · perpetuo possidendam relinquat. Acta est autem hęc donatio · anno millesimo · lviiii · ab incarnatione domini · indictione · xii · epacte · xv · his testibus consentientibus quorum nomina infra sunt prenotata · Þis is seo landscaru to Trefgurabo · aerest æt pollcerr · Þenne be þære dic ⁊ lang peges · þonne of þam pege on ða lytlan dic · on casthealfe peges to poll · þæseen · aðune be þam broce to ryt ceudeurion · þonne be ðam broce to carn wyþhran · to deumæn corran þanon ⁊ lang peges to cruedræuoe · þanon to carree þynn ⁊ eft þanon to pollcerr · Þis se landscaru to Trefualoe · aerest to þære dic · þonne fram dice aðune to ðam broce of ðam broce to cronspræch · ⁊ lang peges on ða dic · þanon to mambip · to cræcmur · þanon to carnplicet · ⁊ lang Þere to ðan broce · þanon ⁊ lang stremes oð tuop peter eft be Þere dic · Þis is seo land scaru to cruegræb · aerest æt nant buorðtel ⁊ lang stremes oð lenbrun · þanon to cestel merit · þanon west to pucop geniðor west ⁊ lang dic to oð broc · þanon to fonton morgeonee · þanon aðune to broce · Þer hit æt fruman þas · Þis is seo landscaru to Trefdæpig · aerest æt penheal meglar suð to þam pege þanon to ðam forda ongeriht to eclipet · þanon forð ⁊ lang stremes to lyncenin · þanon up to penhal meglar.

✠ Ego EADƀEARD rex anglorum hanc donationem cum triumpho agię crucis impressi.

Ego Stigandus archiepiscopus christi ęcclesię confortaui.
Ego Kynsinus archiepiscopus eboracensis ęcclesię consensi.
Ego Leofricus episcopus exoniensis ęcclesię confirmaui et subscripsi.
Ego Dodica episcopus assensum prebui.
Ego Alfoldus episcopus testis fui.
Ego Elfinus abbas consolidaui
Ego Egelnoðus abbas corroboraui

Ego Haraldus dux.
Ego Ælfgar dux.
Ego Tostig dux.
Ego Leofsine dux.
Ego Gorð dux.
Ego Byrhtricus nobilis.
Ego dodda minister.

Ego ordulf minister.
Ego ælfric minister.
Ego æglpard minister.
Ego Leofnoð minister
Ego pulfnoð minister.
Ego Leofsine minister.
Ego Eadmær minister.

Huius uero predii donationem optamus et uolumus esse perpetuam · et omni contradictione securam · neque christianum se fateatur · qui eam infringere conatur · et si quis in hoc consenserit · quod absit · penarum altionibus sit ab istis testibus tamdiu addictus · quo adusque per ignem urentem · debitum huius persoluat nouissimum quadrantem.

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EDWARD THE CONFESSOR. A.D. 1059.

✠When the power of divine majesty at will created all things and man after his own image, the envier of all good men and adept in the deceit of the bad, depraved, to the utmost power of his malignity, this mortal being · But the merciful Father, pitying his frailty, himself underwent humanity · that he might in his own person, prescient of the future, set free · that which the root of all evils had allured to destruction · Bearing this in mind, it behoves us and those like us · to render everlasting thanks to Him who has restored us to freedom and safety · Wherefore we think it proper · with the temporal things which the Lord has granted to us, to support life and merit pardon, so distributing transitory things · that when we fail we may be received into everlasting tabernacles · How like a shadow will all things pass away, which are seen now! · Wherefore I Eadward by the will of God King of the Angles and the people adjoining them and administering the monarchy of the whole kingdom · by the advice of my nobles, give to my faithful bishop, by name Aldred, a certain portion of land, to wit, Trefwurabo and Trefualoe, Trefgrueth and Trefdwig · with all things to it of right belonging, fields, woods, meadows, and fisheries free from all royal tax, except army expedition and castle-ward, in this way, that he may possess it in perpetual inheritance, and after · he shall have gone the way of all flesh may leave it to whomsoever he may please to possess it for ever · Moreover this grant was made in the year 1059 from the Lord's incarnation · the 12th indiction and 15th epact, the witnesses consenting whose names are written down below. This is the land-share at Trefwurabo · First at Pollcerr. Then by the ditch along the way · then from the way to the little dike · on the east side of the way to Pollhaes · down by the brook to Ryt Ceudeurion · then by the brook to Carn Nythbra · to Deumaen Coeva · thence along the way to Crue Dræuoe · thence to Carree Wynn and again thence to Pollcerr · This is the land share at Trefualoe · First to the dike · then from the dike down to the brook · from the brook to Cronswrach · along the way to the dike · thence to Mambiw at Cracmur · then e to Carn wincet · along there to the brook · thence along the stream to Two water again by the dike · This is the landshare at Cræswæth. First at Nantbuorthtel · along the stream to Lenbrun · thence to Cestelmerit · thence west to Wucop Genidor · downward west along the dike to the brook · thence to Fonton morgeonee · thence down to the brook, where it was at the beginning. This is the landshare at Trefdæwig · First at Penheal meglar · south to the way · thence to the field straight on to Eclipset · thence forward along the stream to Lyncenin · thence up to Penhal meglar.

✠ I Eadward King of the Angles have signed this grant with the triumph of the holy cross.

I Stigand archbishop of Christ's Church have greatly strengthened.
I Kynsi archbishop of the Church of York have consented.
I Leofric bishop of the Church of Exeter have confirmed and subscribed.
I Dodica bishop have given assent
I Alfwold bishop have been a witness.
I Elfwine abbot have consolidated.
I Egelnoth abbot have corroborated.

I Harold duke.
I Ælfgar duke.
I Tostig duke.
I Leofsine duke.
I Gorth duke.
I Byhtric noble.
I Dodda thane.

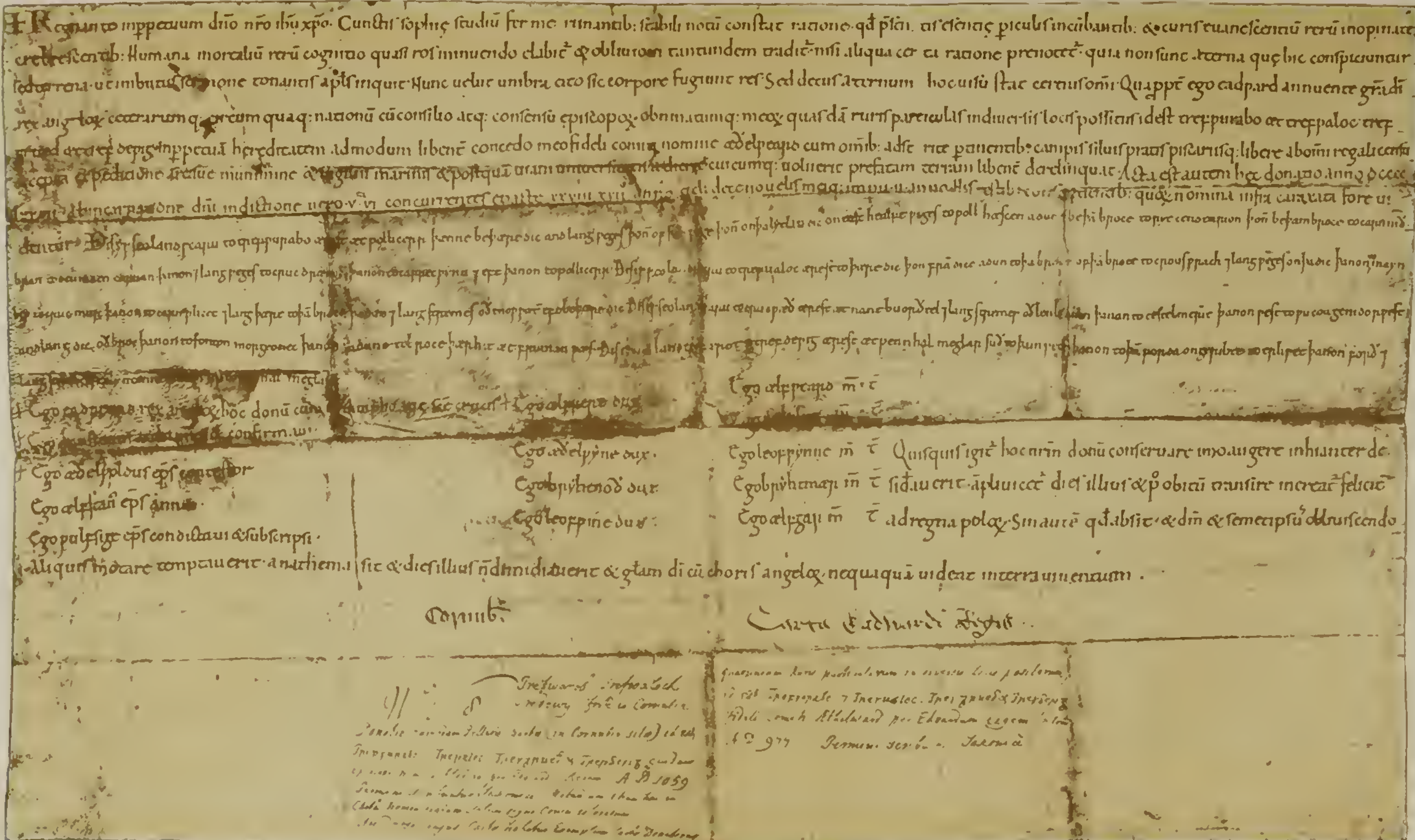
I Ordulf thane.
I Ælfric thane.
I Egelward thane.
I Leofnoth thane.
I Wulfnoth thane.
I Leofwine thane.
I Eadmer thane.

We will and desire that this grant of land be perpetual and safe from all contradiction, nor let him call himself a Christian who shall attempt to infringe it. And if any one shall consent to do so · which God forbid · let him be by these witnesses devoted to avenging pains until in burning flames he shall pay the uttermost farthing of the debt.

✠ Cum diuine maiestatis potentia sedem uelle creare omnia hominis speciem ad suam creare imaginem. inuidus omnium bonorum succinctus fraude malorum ipsius hominis cecidit. suae malignitatis pertinax deprauauit posse. Sed misericors condolens fragilitatem se ipsum subegit humanitatem. quatenus futurorum praesaus liberare per semetipsum. qd ipse omnium malorum radix illegit admittentem. Huius rei memores nos nnq; consimiles. et absoluamus gratias ut oportet. ppetuas. qui nos liberare dedit & saluti. Unde dignum ducimus de bonis temporalib; quae concessit dns. ut suffragari. uenamq; meteri sic diuidentes transitoria. ut dum deficerimus recipiamur in aeterna tabernacula. qm uelud umbra quae modo uidentur transibunt omnia. Qua ppter ego EADPEARD rex anglorum confinium nutu dei conponentes. omnisq; regni monarchia simpaus optimatum consilio. cuidam fiddi nico cognomine aldredo quandam partem telluris tradi. id est treppunabo. et triefdepig. cum omnib; ad se pertinentib; campis siluis pratis piscatiisq; libera ab omni regali censu excepta expeditione. atque munimine. eo tenore. ut ppetua possideat hereditate. dumq; uiuerit carnis uita interuenerit. cuicumq; liberet ppetuo possidendam relinquat. Acta est autem haec donatio anno millesimo. Lviii ab incarnatione dni. indictione xii. epacte xv. his testibus consentientib; quorum nomina infra sunt prenotata. Hir is reo land treapu to triefpunabo. aefter eet pollesepi. denne be heaue die land pegst. hon ofha pege onda lytlan die on earthealfe pegst to poll haegren. adune be ham broce to pyrcendeupion. honne be dam broce to earn nyhbran. to deuman cotuan. panon land pegst to cruedpaednoc. panon to earpice pyrn. land eft danon to pollesepi. Hir is re land treapu to triefualoc. aefter eet haepe die. hon fra dice adune to dam broce. of dam broce to crouthach. land pegst onda die. panon to mam bir. to cruentup. panon to earn plicet. land daepe to dan broce. danon land sciemg od crop treap. eft be daepe die. hir is reo land treapu to cruedpaeh. aefter eet nam buorid ted. land sciemg od lenbrun. panon to eftel meruc. panon pest to pucip gemidopi pyst land die od broc. panon to ponton morgeonce. panon a dune to broce. daep hit eet fruman pest. hir is reo land treapu to triefdaepig. aefter eet penheal meglap. fud to ham pege panon to dam forda onge riihet to eflupet. panon ford land sciemg to lyncenin. danon up to penhal meglap.

✠ Ego EADPEARD rex anglorum hanc donationem cum triumpho agie crucis impressi.

Ego Stigandus archi epc xpi ecclie consortaui.	Ego Haraldus	dux.	Ego ordulf	min.	Huius uero predii donationem optamus & uolumus esse ppetua.
Ego kynrinus archi epc eboracenpi ecclie consensi.	Ego aelfgar	dux	Ego aelfric	min.	& omni contradictione secura. neq; xpianum se fatcatur. qui
Ego Leofricus epc exoniensi ecclie confirmaui. subscri	Ego Toras	dux.	Ego aelfgard	min.	eam infringere conatur. & si quis in hoc consenserit. qd
Ego Dodica epc assensum prebui	Ego Leofpine	dux.	Ego leofnod	min.	absit. penatum ulnonibus sit abistus testib; tamdiu
Ego Alfpoldus epc testis fui.	Ego Gerd	dux.	Ego Pulfnod	min.	addicatis. quo adusq; pigne uterne. debita hui psoluat
Ego aelfpinus abbs consolidaui.	Ego Byrhtric	nobil.	Ego leofpine	min.	nouissimum quadrantem.
Ego aegelnodus abbas corroboraui	Ego dodda	min.	Ego Eadmeri	min.	


Regnante imperpetuum dño nro ihu xpo. Cunctis sophię studiũ fer me intuentib; stabili notũ constat ratione
Humana mortaliũ rerũ cognitio quasi rosimmuendo dilabit
ratione prenotet. quia non sunt æterna quę hic conspiciuntur
Nunc uelut umbra, ita sic corpore fugiunt res. Sed decus æternum hoc usu stat certius omi. Quapp̃ ego Eadpard annuente gr̃a di
cũ consilio atq; consensu episcopoꝝ
concedo meo fideli
nomine Ædelpeard cum omib; ad se rite pertinentib; campis siluis pratis piscuisq;
Acta est autem hęc donatio anno
ubi dñi indictione uero
quoꝝ nomina infra caraxata fore
Ego Eadpard rex
hoc donũ
Ego Ædelpyne dux.
Ego Leoppine m̃ .
Quisquis igit̃ hoc nr̃m donũ conseruare
Ego Ælfstan eps̃
Ego Ælpsige eps̃ condilaui & subscripsi.
Ego Leoppine dux.
Ego Ælfgar m̃
Si autẽ q̃d absit
Alioquis modare tempauerit anathema. sit & dies illius
& glam di cũ choris angeloꝝ nequaquã uideat
Carta Eadwardi Regis.
Cornub.
A D 1059
A° 977

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EADWARD. A.D. 977

✠ REGNANTE inperpetuum domino nostro ihesu christo. Cunctis sophie studium ferme rimantibus stabili notum constat ratione · quod presentis esentię periculis incumbantibus et curis euanescentium rerum inepinate crebrescentibus Humana mortalium rerum cognitio quasi res minuendo elabitur et oblitioni tantundem traditur · nisi aliqua certa ratione prenotetur · quia non sunt æterna quę hic conspiciuntur sed terrena · ut imbutus sermone tonantis apostolus inquit. Nunc uelut umbra cito sic corpore fugiunt res. Sed dicens æternum hoc uisu stat certius omni. Quapropter ego eadpard annuente gratia dei rex anglorum ceterarumque circumquaque nationum cum consilio atque consensu episcoporum obtimatumque meorum quasdam raris particulas in diuersis locis positus id est trefpurabo æt trefgaloc trefgrued æt trefdepig. In perpetuam hereditatem admodum libenter concedo meo fideli comiti nomine æðelpeard cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus · campis siluis pratis piscariisque libere ab omni regali censu excepta expeditione arcisue munimine et uigiliis marinis et postquam uiam uniuersitatis adiuit cuicumque uoluerit prefatam terram libenter derelinquat. Acta est autem hęc donatio anno DCCCCLXXVII · ab incarnatione domini indictione uero · V^a · VI · concurrentes epacte XXVIII · XVII anno cuili decenouelis meique imperii · II · anno. His testibus consentientibus quorum nomina infra caraxata fore uidentur. Dis ys seo landscaru to trefpurabo ærest æt pollicerr þænne be þære dic and lang peges þonne of þam þege þonne on þa lýtlan dic on east healfe þeges to poll þæscen adune be þam broce to ryt cendeurion þonne be þam broce to carn niðbran to deumæn cornan þanon 7 lang þeges to cruedræuoc þanon to carrecpynn 7 eft þanon to pollicerr. Dis is seo landscaru to trefualoc ærest to þære dic þonne fram dice adun to þam broce of þam broce to cronspraeh 7 lang þeges on þa dic þanon to mayn bip to cruc mur · þanon to carn pheet 7 lang þære to þam broce · þanon 7 lang stremes oð tuop æster eft be þære dic. Dis is seo landscaru to cruepuðærest æt naut buorðted 7 lang stremes oð lenbrunn þanan to cestel merit þanon pest to pucem genidor pest andlang dic oð broc þanon to fonton morgeouce þanon adune to broce þær hit æt fruman þæs. Dis is . . . landgemæro to trefdepig ærest æt pennhal meglar suð to þam wege þanon to þam forda ongeriihte to erlipet þanon forð 7 lang stremes to lyneenin þanon up to penhal meglar.

✠ Ego eadpeard rex anglorum hoc donum cum triumpho agię sancte crucis.
✠ Ego dunstanus archipresul confirmaui.
✠ Ego æðelpoldus episcopus contestor.
Ego ælfstanus episcopus annui.
Ego pulfsige episcopus condictaui et subscripsi

✠ Ego ælffere dux.
✠ . . . . . .
Ego æðelpyne dux.
Ego bryhtnoð dux
Ego leofpine dux.

Ego ælfpeard minister testor.
Ego ælfsige minister testor.
Ego leofpynne minister testor.
Ego bryhtmær minister testor.
Ego ælfgar minister testor.

Quisquis igitur hoc nostrum donum conseruare imo augere inhianter desiderauerit · ampliuicetur dies illius et post obitum transire mereatur feliciter ad regna polorum. Sin autem quod absit · et deum et semetipsum obliuiscendo aliquis motare temptauerit · anathema sit et dies illius non dimidiauerit et gloriam dei cum choris angelorum nequaquam uideat in terra uiuentium.

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EDWARD. A.D. 977

✠ OUR Lord Jesus Christ reigning for ever! It appears evident to all who diligently pursue the study of wisdom, that midst the perils brooding over our present being and the unexpected and increasing cares of evanescent matters, human acquaintance with worldly affairs, fading away, vanishes like dew and is forgotten, unless it be settled in our mind and noted down beforehand that it is not eternal things that are here considered but earthly, as saith the apostle inspired with the language of the Thunderer "Now swiftly like a shadow so fly corporeal things. But eternal glory stands more firmly fixed than all things visible." Wherefore I Eadward by permission of divine grace king of the Angles and other nations round about, with the consent and by the advice of my bishops and nobles, grant to my faithful earl, Æthelweard by name, certain parcels of land situate in divers places to wit, Trefwurabo Trefualoc Trefgrued, Trefdewig in perpetual inheritance, wholly free with all things to them of right belonging, fields, woods, meadows, and fisheries, free from all royal custom, except army expedition, castle-ward and sea watches, and after he shall have gone the way of all flesh, he may freely leave the aforesaid land to whatsoever heir he may please. Moreover this grant was made in the year from the incarnation of our Lord 977, the 5th indiction, 6 concurrents 28 epacts 17 year of the Cycle of 19 years, and the second of my reign. These witnesses consenting whose names are seen to be written below. This is the land-share at Trefwurabo. First at Pollcerr Then by the dike along the way, then from the way to the little dike on the east side of the way to Pellbaæ down by the brook to Ryt Cendeurio, then by the brook to Carn Nythbra to Deumæn Corva; thence along the way to Cruc Dreuoc thence to Carrec Wynn and again thence to Pollcerr This is the land share at Trefualoc. First to the dike then from the dike down to the brook, from the brook to Cronswrach along the way to the dike, thence to Mainbaw at Crucmur thence to Carnwhæt along there to the brook thence along the stream to Two water again by the dike. This is the land share at Crucwath First at Nanthuortlitel along the stream to Lenbrun thence to Cestelmerit, thence west to Wucem downward west along the dike to the brook thence to Fonton morgeouce thence down to the brook where it was at the beginning This is the land share at Trefdewig. First at Penhead meglar south to the way, thence to the ford straight on to Erliwet thence forward along the stream to Lyneenin; thence up to Penhal meglar.

✠ I Edward King of the Angles this grant with the triumph of the holy cross.
✠ I Dunstan archbishop have confirmed
✠ I Æthelwold bishop call to witness
I Ælfstan bishop have consented
I Wulfsige bishop have decreed and subscribed

I Ælffere duke
✠ . . . . . .
I Æthelwyne duke.
I Brythnoth duke.
I Leofwine duke

I Ælfweard thane witness.
I Ælfsige thane witness.
I Leofwynne thane witness
I Brythmær thane witness.
I Ælfgar thane witness

Whoever, then, shall eagerly desire to preserve yea, to increase this our grant may his days be prolonged and after death may he be considered worthy to pass happily to the kingdom of Heaven. But if which God forbid, forgetful of God and himself anyone shall attempt to alter it, let him be accursed and lose the half of his days—and let him in no wise see the glory of God with the chorus of angels in the land of the living

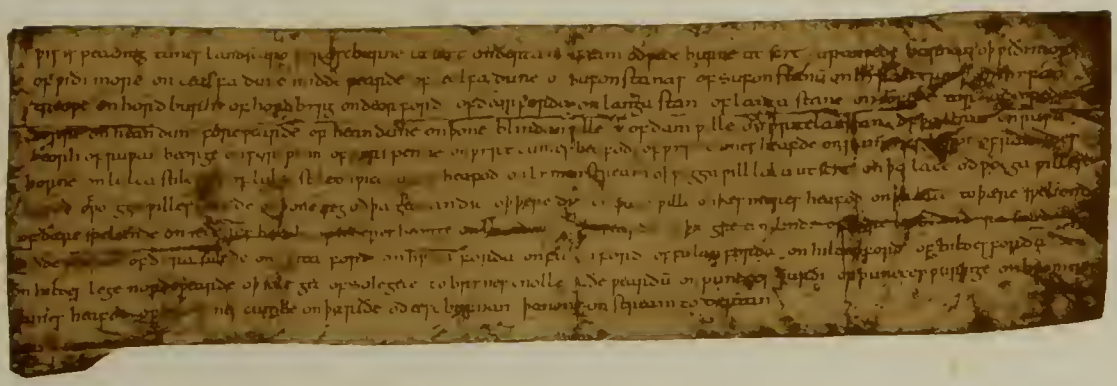
XV

PORTION OF AN ANCIENT BOUNDARY APPARENTLY ON DARTMOOR Undated.

þis is peading tunes landscaro þer æscburne ut seyt on dertan [st]ream oÞ þede burne ut seyt up an þede burnan oÞ þiÞmor of þiÞmore on cealfa dune middepeardc of cealfa dune o[Þ] Sufonstanas of Sufonstanum on hyfan treop on hyfan treope on hord burh of hord byrg on deor ford of deor forda on langa stan of langa stane on cofede tor of cofede torre on hean dune forepeardc of hean dune on þone blindan pille of Þam pille on þitelanstan of þam stane on rupa beorh of rupan beorge on fyrs penn of fyrs penne on pyrt cunnes heafod of pyrtcunnes heafde on rammes horn of rammes horne on hulca stile · of hulca stile on þice cunnes heafod on lynen stream oþ þogga pill lacu ut seyt on þa lace oÞ þogga þilles hafod · of þogga þilles heafde on þone weg oÞ þa greatan die of þere die on þone pille on þæs mores heafod on þa lace to þere speliende of Þere speliende on yeÞeres beorh of yeÞeres beorge on . . . dune . . . . peardc oþ þa greatan linde of þere linde on dyra snæd midde pearne of dyra snæde on hþita ford on hþita forda on fulan ford of fulan forda on hildesford of hildesforda on hilles lege norÞepeardc of sole get of sole gate to brynes cnolle suÞepeardum on punnces purþ of punneces purþige on hremnes cunnes heafod of hremne cumbe on þa riÞe oÞ æse burnan panon on stream to dertan.

XV.

THIS is Pudington' land shore wise. Ashburn outshoot. On Dart stream as far as Webburn outfall. Up Webburn as far as Withimore. From Withimore to Calf Down nadward. From Calf Down to the Seven Stone. From the Seven Stones to the Hive tree. From the Hive tree to Hord burh. From Hordburh to Deer ford. From Deer ford to Long stone. From Long stone to Eofed tor. From Eofede tor to High down forward. From High down to the blind well. From the well to the Write stone. From the stone to Rough burh. From Rough burh to Furze head. From Furze head to Wort comb's head. From Wortcomb' head to Rams horn. From Rams horn to Lulcastile. From Lulcastile to Wircomb' head. To Lenen stream as far as Ogwell' Lake' outfall. On the lake as far as Ogwell' head. From Ogwell' head on the way to the great dyke. From the dyke to the well on the moor head. On the lake to the gulf. From the gulf to Yeder' barrow. From Yeder's barrow to Stone down downwards as far as the great linden tree. From the linden tree to Dear mead. From Dear mead to Whitford. From Wattford to Fulford. From Fulford to Hibbsford. From Hibbsford to Hibbslea northward as far as Sele gate. From Sele gate to Bryne knoll outward to Punce's worthy. From Punce' worthy to Raven's combs head. From Ravens comb on the river as far as Ashburn. Thence on the stream to the Dart.



XV.

peding tune
land gemæro

hunde per dert.

XV.

Pechingtone' land mark

Boundary by Dart

XVI.

WILLIAM I. A.D 1069.

MUNDO ACCRESCENTIA MALA · MINANTUR ETIAM MUNDI APPROPINQUARE EXCIDIA · ET BEATIUS EST HOMINEM mortalem illuc mentis passibus tendere · ubi post finem huius uite beatis datur perenniter uiuere · Hoc enim uinere beatissimum oportet regem christianum omni mentis conamine sibi alacriter emere · quia miserabile est regem hoc seculo coronari · et in futuro eternis penis mancipari · Hacc uero uigili mente intuens · his quoque ne succumbam precauens · EGO WILHELMUS victoriosus anglorum basileus concessi fidelem meum LEOFRICUM episcopum septem mansos terre in priuatis locis · hoc est apud BEMTUN · et ESITUN · et CEOMMANYG · ac HOLACUMB · ecclesie sancti PETRI apostoli in exonia ubi eius episcopalis sedes est donare · et canonicorum eiusdem ecclesie victum ampliare hereditario iure · tam in magnis quam in modicis rebus ad se rite pertinentibus uideliet agris siluis · pratis · pascuis · cultis et incultis · exitibus et reditibus eo tenore ac concessa · ut prefata terra ab omni censu sit libera · excepta expeditione pontis ac urbis constructione et restauratione. Si quis autem quod absit diabolo instigante meum regalem concessum presumat euertere et beneficia predicte ecclesie et canonicis data detrahere · uel in aliquo minuere · nisi conuersus reddendo et dupliciter restituendo sancte dei ecclesie satisfaciat · in resurrectione beatorum diuina uoce damnatus fiat socius omnium demoniorum. Anno dominice incarnationis MILLESIMO LXVIIII · consentiente WILHELMO rege data est hec terra ecclesie sancti PETRI apostoli in exonia ciuitate a uenerabili presule LEOFRICO sub testimonio eorum qui subscripti sunt.

Dis synd þa landgemæro þæs landes þe cadbig cyning ageaf þam halgan pere æt beatune · 7 þam hyrede · ⁊ siþþan leofric biscop be pillhelmes cynges unnan · let geboeyan into sancte petres mynstre on exancestre · Erest þær ceoman lace ut seytt · andlang ceomanlace þe lut cymeþ on temese · anlang temese pestpard · spa pest seyena gemære is ⁊ myrcena · þe hit cýmeþ up to þam gemýþan · þonne peut hit on þa norþeran ea · þe hit cýmeþ to anre lace · betpix berhtulfing ýge ⁊ hris yge þe on þa norþ ea · þe anlang þære ea · þe hit cymeþ eft to ceoman lace · ⁊ þe land æt cýnbrýege norþ andlang broces · þe hit cýmþ þær holanbroc ut seýtt · andlang broces up to þam pege be norþan cýnstanes treope · andlang peges to fulan broces heafdon · andlang broces on þa stanbriege · of þære stanbriege andlang peges on burgdýe · andlang dýe on þone broc · andlang broces eft on cýnglbriege · á on cenisse into sancte petres mýnstre on exancestre ⁊ calle þa teoþunga þæs cyninges. + Þis sýnd þa langemæro þære oþer healfan gýrde æt holacumbe þe læg into doflisc · þe leofric biscop let geboeýan for his sæple into sancte petres mynstre on exancestre. Erest on crampan steort · of crampan steorte on flora heafod · ⁊ of flora heafod up on þone peg be þesta þere cyrean up to þa ferngara · of þam ferugara to þam dunnastane · of þam dunnastane up to þære dýe · ⁊ spa east andlang þære dýe to þan þæræe of þam þæræe norþ on þæs crohtes heafod ⁊ spa norþ on þa smala paþe spa on dun to þære þýris die 7 spa to dofolisces land score adun to arietes stane 7 spa andlang strandes to crampan steorte ·

+ EGO WILHELMUS dei gratia rex anglorum hanc donationem perpetue memorie mandaui. + EGO MAHTHILDA regina adiuui.

+ EGO STIGANDUS archiepiscopus christi ecclesie confirmaui.
+ EGO ODO episcopus consolidaui.
+ EGO HERIMANNUS episcopus corroborauu.
+ EGO LEOFRICUS episcopus concessi et subscripsi
+ EGO GOSFREDUS episcopus consensi.
+ EGO GYSO episcopus assensum prebui
+ EGO WILHELMUS episcopus confortaui
+ EGO BALDUUINUS abbas dignum duxi

+ EGO RODBERTUS comes.
+ EGO Wilhelmus comes.
+ EGO Brient comes.
+ EGO Eduuinus comes.
+ EGO Morkerinus comes.
+ EGO Raulfus comes.
+ EGO Arfastus cancellarius.
+ EGO Ingelricus presbyter

+ EGO WILHELMUS vicecomes.
+ EGO Rodbertus vicecomes.
+ EGO Rotgerius vicecomes.
+ EGO Leofnoþus minister.
+ EGO Ricardus minister
+ EGO Foleo minister.
+ EGO Hugo minister.
+ EGO Raulfus minister

XVI.

WILLIAM I. A.D. 1069.

Increasing evils in the world warn us that the end of the world is approaching, and it is better that mortal man should by the footsteps of his mind strave to attain to that region where after the close of this life it is given to the blessed to live everlastingly. To this most blessed life it behoves a Christian king with all the energy of his mind diligently to attain, for it is a miserable thing that a king should be crowned in this world, and be delivered over to eternal punishment in the next. Viewing these things, then, with a watchful mind, and wary lest I succumb to such evils, I, William, the victorious king of the English, have agreed to grant to my faithful bishop, Leofric, seven hides of land in private localities, that is, Bampton, and Aston, and Chimney, and Holecombe to the Church of St Peter the Apostle in Exeter where his episcopal see is, and to increase the maintenance of the canons of the same church, by hereditary right, as in great so in minor things thereto rightly appertaining, to wit, woods, meadows, pasture, cultivated lands and wastes, outgoings and rents, by the tenure and grant that the land aforesaid shall be free from every tax except military expedition, and the building and repair of bridge and castle. But if anyone, which may Heaven forbid, shall presume, at the instigation of the devil, to overthrow my royal grant, and to detract from or in any way diminish the benefits granted to the aforesaid church and canons, unless being converted he shall satisfy the Holy Church of God by returning and doubly restoring the same he shall by the Divine voice, be damned at the resurrection of the blessed and become a companion of all the devils. In the year of the Dominical Incarnation 1063 by King William's consent this land was given to the Church of St Peter the Apostle in the City of Exeter by the venerable Bishop Leofric under the testimony of those who have subscribed.

These are the landmarks of the land that King Edward gave to the Holy Man and the Brotherhood at Bampton and that Bishop Leofric has since granted by deed with King William's consent to St. Peter's minster in Exeter. First, where Ceoman lake out shoots, along Ceoman lake till it cometh to Thames along Thames westward as hes the boundary of the West Saxons and the Mercians until it cometh up to the river's mouth, then wendeth it on the northern water until it cometh to Anre lake betwixt Berhtuls' son's eyot and Rice eyot, then to the north water; then along the water until it cometh again to Ceom lake and the land at Kingsbridge north along the brook until it cometh where Holbrook outshoots along the brook up to the way north of Cynstan's tree, along the way to Fulbrook's head, along the brook to the stone bridge, from the stone bridge along the way to Burg dike, along the dike to the brook again to Kingsbridge Aye for ever to St Peter's Minster in Exeter and all the King's tithes. + These are the landmarks of the one hide and of the yardland and a half at Holcombe adjoining Dawlish which Bishop Leofric caused to be conveyed by charter, for his soul, to St. Peter's minster at Exeter. First to Cramp start from Cramp start to Floor Head, and from Floor Head up along the way by the west of the church up to the ferugores, from the ferugores to the dun stone, from the dun stone up to the dike, and so east along the dike to the water, from the water north to the croht's head and so north to the small path, so upon the down to the thwart dike, and so to the land shore of Dawlish down to Ariet's stone and so along the strand to Cramp start.

+ I WILLIAM by the Grace of God king of England have committed this gift to perpetual memory + I MATILDA queen have assisted

+ I STIGAND archbishop of Christchurch have confirmed.
+ I ODO bishop have consolidated.
+ I HERMAN bishop have corroborated
+ I LEOFRIC bishop have conceded and subscribed.
+ I GODFREY bishop have consented
+ I GYSO bishop have assented
+ I WILLIAM bishop have conformed
+ I BALDWIN abbot have thought fit

+ I ROBERT duke.
+ I William duke.
+ I Brient duke.
+ I Edwine duke
+ I Morker duke
+ I Raulf duke
+ I Arfast chancellor
+ I Ingelric priest.

+ I WILLIAM sheriff
+ I Robert sheriff
+ I Rotger sheriff
+ I Leofnoth thane
+ I Richard thane
+ I Foleo thane
+ I Hugh thane
+ I Raulf thane

Mundo accrescentia mala minantur etiam mundi appropinquare excidia. Et beatus est hominem mortalem illuc mentis passib: tendere ubi post finem huius uite beatus datur pennitet uiuere. Hoc enim uiuere beatissimum oportet regem xpianum omni mentis conamine sibi alacriter emere quia miserabile est regem hoc seculo coronari & in futuro eternis penis mancipari. Hæc uero uigilj mente intuens his quoq: ne succumbam precauens EGO WILHELMUS victoriosus anglorũ basileus concessi fidelem meũ LEOFRICUM epm septem mansos terre in priuatis locis. Loc. est apud BEMTUN & ESTUN & CEOMMANYG de HOLACUMB ecclie scĩ PETRI apli in exonia ubi eius episcopalis sedes est donare & canonicorũ eiusdem ecclie victum amplare hereditario iure. tam in magnis quam in modicis reb: ad se rite pertinib: uidelicet agris silus pratis pascuis culris & incultis exitib & reditib eo tenore ac concessu ut prefata terra ab omi censu sit libera excepta expeditione pontis ac urbis constructione & restauratione. Siquis autem qd absit dubolo instigante meum regalem concessum psumat euertere & beneficia predicte ecclie & canonicis data detrahere uel in aliquo minuere nisi conuersus reddendo & duplicter restituendo sic di ecclie satisfaciat in resurrectione beatorũ diuina uoce damnatus fiat socius omium demoniorum. Anno dominice incarnationis MILLESIMO LXVIIII consentiente WILHELMO rege data est hæc terra ecclie scĩ PETRI apli in exonia ciuitate auenerabili presule LEOFRICO sub testimonio eorum qui subscripta sunt.

Þis synd þa landgemæro þæs landes þe eadþryð cyning agaf þam halgan petre æt bemtune ⁊ þam hyredre ⁊ siddan leofric biscop be willelmes cynges unnan let geboccian into sce petres mynstre on exanceastre. Ærest þæs ceoman lace ut seyre anlang ceomanlace þ hit cymð on temere anlang temese þes papo. sþa þes exena grimere up ⁊ mypterna þ hit cymð up to damgemydan þonne þenne hit on da norðeran ea þ hit cymð to anre lace. beþixe beþhealfing yse ⁊ þurþyse þ on da norðeran ea. þ anlang þere ea. þ hit cymð ute to ceomanlace ⁊ þ land æt cyngbrycge norð anlang broces. þ hit cymð þæt holanbroc. sþ seyre anlang broces up to þam þæs þe norðan cynstanes ciroþe anlang þæs þulan broces heapon anlang broces on þa scanbrugge. of þæs scanbrugge anlang þæs on burgdyke anlang dyke on þone broc anlang broces ute on cyngbrugge. a onceruyte into sce þæs mynstre on exanceastre ⁊ calle þa tuodunga þæs cynuges. ⁊ þis synd þa landgemæro þære anre hyde ⁊ þere æþelhealfan gyrde æt hola cumbe þe lag into doplise þe seoþuc. b leegeboccyan þæs hit þaple into sce þæs mynstre on exanceastre. ⁊ þ þese on cþampanceastre of cþampanceastre on plopahreapoo ⁊ of plopahreapoo up on þone þæs be þæra dicene cyncean up to þa þeningapa of þam þeningana to þam dunnasteane of dam dunnasteane up to þere dyc ⁊ sþa east anlang þere dyc to þan þæstre of þam þæstre norð on þes quohres hreapoo ⁊ sþa norð on þa smala þæbr sþa on dim to þere þrifsdic ⁊ sþa to þopolisces land scoþ. aduu to aquæs feane ⁊ sþa anlang sefanæs to cþampanceastre.

✠ Ego	WILHELMUS dei gra rex anglorum hanc donationem ꝑpetue memorie mandaui	✠ Ego	MATHILDA regina adiuui.				
✠ Ego	STIGANDUS archiepsc. epi ecclie confirmaui	✠ Ego	RODBERTUS	comes.	✠ Ego	WILHELMUS	uicecomes
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✠ Ego	HERMANNUS epc corroboraui	✠ Ego	[illegible]	comes	✠ Ego	Rogerius	uicecomes
✠ Ego	LEOFRICUS epc concessi & subscripsi	✠ Ego	Eduuinus	comes.	✠ Ego	Leofnodus	minister
✠ Ego	GOSFREDUS epc consensi	✠ Ego	Morkerm	comes	✠ Ego	Ricardus	minister
✠ Ego	GYSO epc assensu prebui	✠ Ego	Raulfus	comes.	✠ Ego	Folco	min
✠ Ego	WILHELMUS epc confortaui	✠ Ego	Arfastus	cancellarius	✠ Ego	Hugo	min
✠ Ego	BALDUUINUS abb dignũ duxi.	✠ Ego	Ingelricus	presbr.	✠ Ego	Raulfus	min

Ðis ys þæra ſyx hýda landboc
on oxnaforda ſeýnt æt brumanie ⁊
æt eframe ⁊ æt commanige ⁊ þæra
anne hýdæ ⁊ ðýre healfre gýrde landes
on oxnaſeýre æt holacumbe of oxlyre
landæ þe leofric b. geaf in to his bircofſtole
on hanceſtre be pillhelmes cynges lýfe þæ
his ſáple ⁊ þæra goda cynnga þe he folgode

Confirmatio Reg. Willi. de vi. hidis de berū
et de eshin ⁊ de commanig ⁊ de una
hida ⁊ ygarta ⁊ dimidia in oxenaford
holecumb de eim de doflise.

XVI.

Carta Willielmi Regis de Bemptun.

Confirmatio Regis Willielmi de vi hidis de bemtun et de estun et de ccommanig et de una hida et virgata et dimidia in deuonia ad holecumb de terra de doflise.

Dis is Ðera sÿx hÿda land þæt on oxenaford scyre. Æt bemtune ⁊ æt estune ⁊ æt ccommanige ⁊ þære anre hÿda ⁊ oðre healfre gÿrde landes on defnascyre. Æt holacumbe of doflise lande þe leofric hisceop gef into his biscopstole on exancestre · be pillhelmes cÿnges lefe for his saple ⁊ þæra godra cyninga þe he folgode.

This is the dede of sex hide on Oxenford schire at Bampton and at Eston and at Chemenye and thilke i hide and other half hide lande on Deuonschire at holecombe of Dowlische lande that leofric Bisshop gaf on to his Bisschipryche of Excestre by kyngis leve William for his sowle.

vult diem chymyncis

XVI.

King William's charter of Bampton

King William's confirmation of Bampton and of Aston and of Chimney and of one hide and a virgate and a half in Devon at Holecombe of land in Dawlish.

This is the deed of the six hides of land in Oxfordshire at Bampton and at Aston and at Chimney and of the one hide and the yard land and a half in Devonshire at Holcomb in Dawlish land that Bishop Leofric gave into his Bishopric in Exeter by King William's leave for his soul and the souls of the good Kings whom he followed

Chimney desires a day

WELLS.

EADGAR. A.D. 958.

✠CUNCTIPOTENS pater arce superna sedens pronam · labilemque humani generis conspectans fragilitatem · unigenitum suum per quem sæcula ineffabili relatu disposuit nobis ad nostra crimina delenda misit. Constat namque eiusdem pii arbitrio conditoris · illiusque miseratione conceditur quemquam posse imis superna terrenis eclestia emere caducis sine fine mansura adipiscere. Quapropter ego eadgar diuina fauente gratia totius regni merciorum monarchiam optinens · tribuo et libenter concedo · eallstane · fideli meo ministro quoddam ruo pro suo placibili pecunia hoc est · xl · mancusas de auro obridzo · in pago · magesætna · hoc est · vi · manentium · in loco qui ab illius loco incolis dicitur · stantum · ut habeat et semper æternaliter possideat cum omnibus bonis ad illam terram rite pertinentibus et quicquid exinde facere voluerit · potestatem habeat faciendi. Est autem hæc terra istis circumcincta terminis. Ærest of mýleforda ondlong erge þonne in þæsce ford · of þæsce forda ondlong erge ýmb holancige ufeþeardre · of holancige ufeþeardre on þa æc eege ufeþeardre þonne andlang þære æc eege ufeþeardre þonne on snæd þeg foreþeardre of snæd þege ýmb heanbege on æcenabrýege úp ondlong broces þonne in þa díc · ondlong dices in tanesbæce · of tanesbæce ondlong mærgeardes · þonne on lionhlina gemæres þonne on aÑelþoldes hege · of aÑelþoldes hege in hean oldan · of hean oldan in mærÑorn · of mær þorne ondlong geardes in Ñæt hlid get · of Ñæt hlid gete ondlong stræte on dices geat of dices geate · in Ñæt Ñridde geat · Ñæt ondlong stræte þonne eft in mýleford · ⁊ eadgar cýning ge án healstane his þegn hagan on hereforda on bóc á on ece ýrfe. Sit etiam hæc terra libera ab omni tributo magno et modico et seruitute regali nisi pontis constructione arcis ædificatione et hostium expeditione. Si quis autem hoc meæ concessionis donum frangere uel minuere voluerit minuat omnipotens deus dies illius in hoc seculo · et in futuro iram dei incurrat · nisi hic antea cum satisfactione bene emendauerit. Actum est autem hæc mea donatio anno dominicæ incarnationis DCCCC. LVIII. Indictione uero · I°. anno · II°. regni mei.

✠ Hii testes aderant qui hoc consenserunt et subscripserunt et cum triumphali uexillo sanctæ crucis firmauerunt.

✠ Ego eadgar rex merciorum et norÑanhymbrorum atque brettonum consensi et scribere iussi et cum uexillo sanctæ crucis firmaui.

✠ Ego cýnesige episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego oscýtel episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego dunstan episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego wulfric episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego aÑulf episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego leofsine episcopus consensi et subscripsi.

Ego ælfhere dux consensi et subscripsi.
Ego æþelstan dux consensi et subscripsi.
Ego æþelmund dux consensi et subscripsi.
Ego uhtred dux consensi et subscripsi.
Ego æþelfold dux consensi et subscripsi.
Ego byrhtnoÑ consensi et subscripsi.

Ego ælfsine minister consensi et subscripsi.
Ego wulfhelm minister consensi et subscripsi
Ego æþelsige minister consensi et subscripsi
Ego þærstan minister consensi et subscripsi.
Ego wulfgar minister consensi et subscripsi
Ego wulfstan minister consensi et subscripsi.

EADGAR. A.D. 958.

✠THE Almighty Father seated on the supernal heights and pondering over the prone and transient frailty of the human race, sent to us, to abolish our sins, His only begotten Son, by whom He arranged the world in ineffable relation. Lest it appears by the judgment of the same benevolent Creator and is by his mercy granted to us that any one may purchase the highest possessions by the lowest, may acquire things celestial by those terrestrial, and by perishable things obtain those that will endure without end. Wherefore I, Eadgar, by favour of divine grace having obtained the monarchy of the whole kingdom of the Mercians, bestow and freely grant to my faithful thane Ealhstane a certain estate for his acceptable money, that is 40 mancuses of red gold, in the province of Magesætna, that is of six hides in the place which is by the dwellers in that place called Stantum, that he may have and always eternally possess it with all goods to the same place of right appertaining, and may have the power of doing therewith hereafter what he may will. Moreover this land is surrounded by these boundaries. First from Milford along the Arrow, then to Washford, from Washford along the Arrow toward Holancige upwards, from Holancige upwards to the oak edge upwards, then along the oak edge upwards, then on Snæd way forwards from Snæd way towards Hanley on Æcenbridge up along the brook, then to the dike, along the dike to Tanesbeck from Tanesbeck along the mere yards, then on Lichhina boundary along Lionhlina boundary then in Athelwold's enclosure; from Athelwold's enclosure to Heanold, from Heanold to the mere thorn, from the mere thorn along the yards to the back gate, from the back gate along the street to the duke's gate from the duke's gate to the third gate, thence along the street, then again to Milford. And King Eadgar gives Healhstan his thane Hay in Hereford by deed aye for ever. Moreover let this land be free of all tribute great and small and royal service, except the conservation of bridges, the building of castles and army expedition. If any one, however, shall wish to infringe or diminish this gift of my grantng may Almighty God diminish his days in this life and may he incur God's wrath in that to come unless he here beforehand shall satisfactorily make amends. Moreover this my grant was made in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 958, the first Indiction, and the second year of my reign.

✠ These witnesses were present who have consented to and subscribed this and confirmed it with the triumphal banner of the Holy Cross.

✠ I Eadgar, King of the Mercians and Northumbrians and Britons have consented to and have commanded it to be written and have confirmed it with the banner of the Holy Cross.

✠ I Cynesige bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Oscytel bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Dunstan bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wulfric bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Athulf bishop have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Leofsine bishop have consented and subscribed.

✠ I Elfhere duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Athelstan duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Athelmund duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Uhtred duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Athelwold duke have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Byrhtnoth have consented and subscribed.

✠ I Elfsine thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wulfhelm thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Athelsige thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wierstan thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wulfgar thane have consented and subscribed.
✠ I Wulfstan thane have consented and subscribed.

+ Cunctipotentis patris archetipa sedentis perenni. labilisque humani generis conspectans fragilitatem. unigenitum suum per quem
secla ineffabili prelatu disposuit. nobis donauit. qui crimina de latebra misit. Constat namque eius dono pii arbitrio conditoris. illiusque
inspiratione conceditur. quemquam posse immissum super naturam celestia absque caducis sine fine mansura adipiscere. Quapropter
ego Eadgar diuina fauente gratia totius regni merciorum monarchiam optinens. tribuo et libenter concedo. Wulfhstane. fideli meo
ministro quoddam rus. pro suo placabili pecunia hoc est. xl. mancusis de auro obtento et in pago Magesætna. hoc est. vi. mansiorum.
in loco qui ab illius loci incolis dicitur. Stantun. ut habeat et sine perpetualiter possideat cum omnibus bonis ad illam terram iure pertinentibus;
et quicquid exinde facere uoluerit. potestatem habeat faciendi. Est autem hec terra istis circum cincta terminis. Ærest of myle [illegible]
forda ondlong [illegible] in pærce forda. of pærce forda ondlong [illegible] ymb holan eige up [illegible]. of holan eige [illegible]
pege ymb heanlege on ætnab [illegible] up ondlong broces [illegible]. ondlong dices in tanes bece. of tanes bece ondlong [illegible] on lionhina
[illegible]. ondlong leonhina gemære [illegible] on adelpoldes hege. of adelpoldes hege in hean oldan. of hean oldan in [illegible]. of [illegible] ondlong
[illegible] in ðæt hlidget. of ðam hlidgete ondlong [illegible] [illegible] ðætt ondlong [illegible] ðæt in myle ford.
[illegible] Eadgar cyning ge an [illegible] hire ðegn [illegible] on [illegible] ece yrfe. Sit etiam hec terra libera ab omni tributo.
magno et modico [illegible] expeditione. Si quis autem hoc
meo concessionis donum [illegible] frangere uel minuere uoluerit minuat omnipotens deus illius in hoc seculo. et in futuro
[illegible] incurrat nisi hic ante cum satisfactione bene emendauerit. Actum est autem hec mea donatio anno dominice incarnationis.
dcccc. lviii. Indictione. i. anno ii. regni mei.
+ Hi testes aderant qui hoc consenserunt et subscripserunt et cum signo sancte crucis firmauerunt.
+ Ego Eadgar rex merciorum et norðanhymbrorum atque brettonum consensi et subscripsi et cum uexillo sancte crucis firmaui.

+ Ego cynesige eps consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego ælfhere dux consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego ælfwine min consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego oscytel eps consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego æþelstan dux consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego wulfhelm min consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego wynstan eps consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego æþelmund dux consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego æþelrige min consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego wulfsige eps consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego ulfred dux consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego wistan min consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego adulf eps consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego aþelwold dux consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego wulfgar min consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego leofwine eps. consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego byrhtnoð consensi et subscripsi.	+ Ego wulfstan min consensi et subscripsi.

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Sonar Saxon

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Her is stantunes boc.

Here is Stanton's deed.

WINCHESTER.

I.

ÆTHELWULF. A.D. 854.

✠REGNANTE imperpetuum domino nostro Iesu Christo omnium visibilium et inuisibilium Summo et ineffabili ere creatore Cunctis patet mortalibus quod cuncta que videntur finem habent et que non videntur eterna sunt. Quapropter ego ADULF celcithroni fauente clemencia Rex occidentalium Saxonum quandam ruris partem scilicet XX mansas æt Wenbeorgen cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus cum consensu optimatum meorum quando decimam partem terrarum per omne regnum meum sanctis ecclesiis dare decreui: Dedi etiam ecclesie Wintoniensi que in honore Apostolorum petri et pauli dedicata est · eandemque terram prefate ecclesie eternaliter habendam concessi SIT autem predictum rus ab omni terrene seruitutis iugo liberum tribus exceptis · rata expeditione · pontis · Arcisue constructione. Et hoc in nomine domini nostri iesu Christi precipio ut nemo successorum meorum Regum siue Episcoporum siue principum Hanc meam donationem violare aut a seruis dei deo inibi famulantibus auferre presumat. QUOD si quisquam hec transgressus fuerit sciat se eterne maledictioni subiciendum et eternas inferni penas sine fine passurum nisi digna satisfactione celeriter emendauerit quod contra sanctos dei Apostolos audacter deliquit Hiis metis eadem XX manse circumgirantur. DIS sýnd þara þrentig hida land gemere æt þenbeorgan of smitan on þone stan of þam stanæ on þone caldan an of þan cadenne in nan leutan of leutan ongean þone stream on þone greatam þorne stent þæ leutan scade of þan þornee on þa peter furh innan smalan broc of smalan broce on þan stenilite hlinc of þam stenilite hlince on glottes pýlle · of glottes pýlle on pylles heafod on pylles heafodde on pulfheres cumbe of pulfheres clif of pulfheres clife on þa furh of þare furh on pinfles beorg of þan beorge on þonne holan stan of þam holan stane on þone haran stan of þam haran stane on þa holan rannan on þone rugan hlinc of þam rugan hlince on þone darnen crundel of Nan durnan crundelle on þone þorn of ham þorne on þone stan of ham stance on þa dic. To Sere dic ende on þere dic ende on þone pogan hlinc of Nam pogan hlince on þa catt hola · of þan catt holan on þenbeorge of þan beorge on þone mycelan cumbe of mycelan cumbe on smalan combe of smalan cumbe on þone caldan treop stede of þam caldan treop stede on þa pogan apoldran of þere pogan apoldran on folces dic · of folces dic on calcheres dic on þa apoldran of here apoldran innan smitan. SCRipta est autem hec cartula Anno ab incarnatione domini nostri iesu christi · DC C C LIIII Indictione secunda. Hiis Testibus consentientibus quorum nomina scripta adesse videntur.

+ Ego Adelwulf Rex.
+ Ego Allistan Episcopus.
+ Ego Swithun Episcopus.
+ Ego Æthelbald Dux.
+ Ego Fanwulf Dux.
+ Ego Æthelberth Dux.
+ Ego Wullaf Abbas
+ Ego Werferd Abbas.
+ Ego Æthered filius Regis.
+ Ego Osric Dux.
+ Ego Wulfhere Dux.
+ Ego Bulbede Dux.
+ Ego Alfred filius Regis.
+ Ego Esne minister.
+ Ego Cynepulf minister.
+ Ego Cyneheath minister.
+ Ego Albitan minister.
+ Ego Aldred minister.

CYROGRAPHUM.

I.

ÆTHELWULF. A.D. 854.

✠OUR Lord Jesus Christ, the most high and ineffable Creator of all things visible and invisible, reigneth for ever It is patent to all mortals that all things that are seen have an end and those that are not seen are eternal. wherefore I Adulf, through the clemency of the High Throned, King of the West Saxons with the consent of my nobles, when I determined to give a tenth part of the lands throughout all my kingdom to Holy Church, granted a certain parcel of land, to wit 20 hides at Wansborough, with all things thereto of right pertaining to the Church of Winchester, which is dedicated in honour of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and I have confirmed the same land to the said church for ever Let moreover the aforesaid estate be free of all burden of earthly service, three excepted, army service and the building of bridge or castle And this I command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that no one of my successors Kings, or bishops or princes dare to violate this my grant or rob the servants of God serving Him therein And if any one shall transgress these commands let him know that he will be subjected to an eternal curse and suffer without end the everlasting pains of Hell unless he quickly and with meet satisfaction atone for his audacious delinquency against God's Holy Apostle The same 20 hides are surrounded by these boundaries These are the land boundaries of the 20 hides at Wansborough From the Sante to the stone from the stone to the Elen from the Elen into Lente from Lent against the stream to the great thorn that stands by Lente's bank, from the thorn to the water-furrow in Small brook, from Small brook to the stony link from the stony link to Glot well from Glotawell to the wells head from the wells head to Wulfhere's combe from Wulfhere's combe to Wulfhere's cliff from Wulfhere's cliff to the furrow: from the furrow to Winfles barrow from the barrow to the hollow stone: from the hollow stone to the hoar stone from the hoar stone to the hollow pan from the hollow pan to the rough link from the rough link to the secluded barrow from the secluded barrow to the thorn from the thorn to the stone from the stone to the dike at the dikes end from the dike end to the crooked link from the crooked link to the cat holes from the cat holes to Wansborough from the barrow to the great combe from the great combe to the small combe from the small combe to the old tree-stead from the old tree-stead to the crooked apple-tree from the crooked apple-tree to Folk's dike from Folk's dike to Ealcheres dike from Ealcheres dike to the apple tree from the apple-tree into Sante Moreover this charter was written in the year from the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ 854 in the 2nd Indiction with the consent of these witnesses whose names are to be seen here written

+ I Adelwulf King
+ I Allistan bishop
+ I Swithun bishop
+ I Æthelbald duke
+ I Fanwulf duke
+ I Æthelberth duke
+ I Wullaf abbot
+ I Werferd abbot.
+ I Æthered the King's son
+ I Osric duke
+ I Wulfhere duke.
+ I Bulbede duke
+ I Alfred the King's son
+ I Esne thane.
+ I Cynewulf thane
+ I Cyneheath thane
+ I Albitan thane
+ I Aldred thane

CYROGRAPH

✠ REGNANTE in sempiternum domino nostro Iesu Xpo omnium visibilium et invisibilium creatore et inestabili ge
neratore Cunctis patet mortalibus quod cuncta quae videntur finem habent et quae non videntur aeterna sunt Quapropter ego ADULF
relatione saeculi clementia Rex occidentalium Saxonum quandiu fuis partem Galliae xx mansas et Wenbeorgen cum omnibus ad se
pertinentibus cum consensu optimatum meorum quando dominam partem terrarum per omne regnum meum sanctae ecclesiae Dei decem dedi eam
ecclesiae Wintoniensi quae in honore Apostolorum Petri et Pauli dedicata est. eandemque terram praefatae ecclesiae aequaliter habendam concessi Sit autem per
dictum ius ab omni tributo saecularium mihi hominum tributis exceptus. Data expeditione pontis. Arnsuic constructione. Et hoc in urbe donum nostri iesu
christi praecepto ut nemo successorum meorum Regum sive Episcoporum sive principum Hanc meam donationem violare aut a sanctis dei locis unde famulantibus
aliquis praesumat Quod si quisquam hoc negligentius fecerit erat se aeternae maledictioni subiaceudum et aeternas infernum penas sine fine passurum nisi dig
na satisfactione celeriter emendaverit quod contra sacra dei Apostolos audacter delinquit. Hae metes eadem. xx manse aequaliantur. DIS synd þæra
treowa hida land ge mere ært penbeorgan of smitan on þone estan of þam stanæ on þone caldan an of þan caldanne in uan lentum of lentan on geæn þone
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on þa holan þannan on þone þuran hlinc of þam þuran hlinc on þone dipnen cundel of ðam dipnum cundelle on þone þorn of ðam þornæ on
þone stan of ham stanæ on þa dic. To ðere dic ende on þere dic ende on þone þorn hlinc. of ðam þorn hlinc on þa eatt hola. of þam eatt holan
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in uan stantan. Scripta est autem hæc cartula Anno ab incarnatione domini nostri iesu christi. Dccc lim Indictione septima Dns Testibus consentientibus
quorum nomina scripta adesse videntur.

✠ Ego	Adelwulf	Rex	✠ Ego	Osric	Dux
✠ Ego	Alhstan	Epc	✠ Ego	Wulphere	Dux
✠ Ego	Wærbum	Epc	✠ Ego	Bullede	Dux
✠ Ego	Æthelbald	Dux	✠ Ego	Alfred filius	Rex
✠ Ego	Æþelwulf	Dux	✠ Ego	Bone	Mini
✠ Ego	Æthelberht	Dux	✠ Ego	Cynewulf	Mini
✠ Ego	Wullaf	Abb	✠ Ego	Cyneheath	Min
✠ Ego	Wæfred	Abb	✠ Ego	Alhstan	Min
✠ Ego	Æthered	Filius Regis	✠ Ego	Alfred	Min

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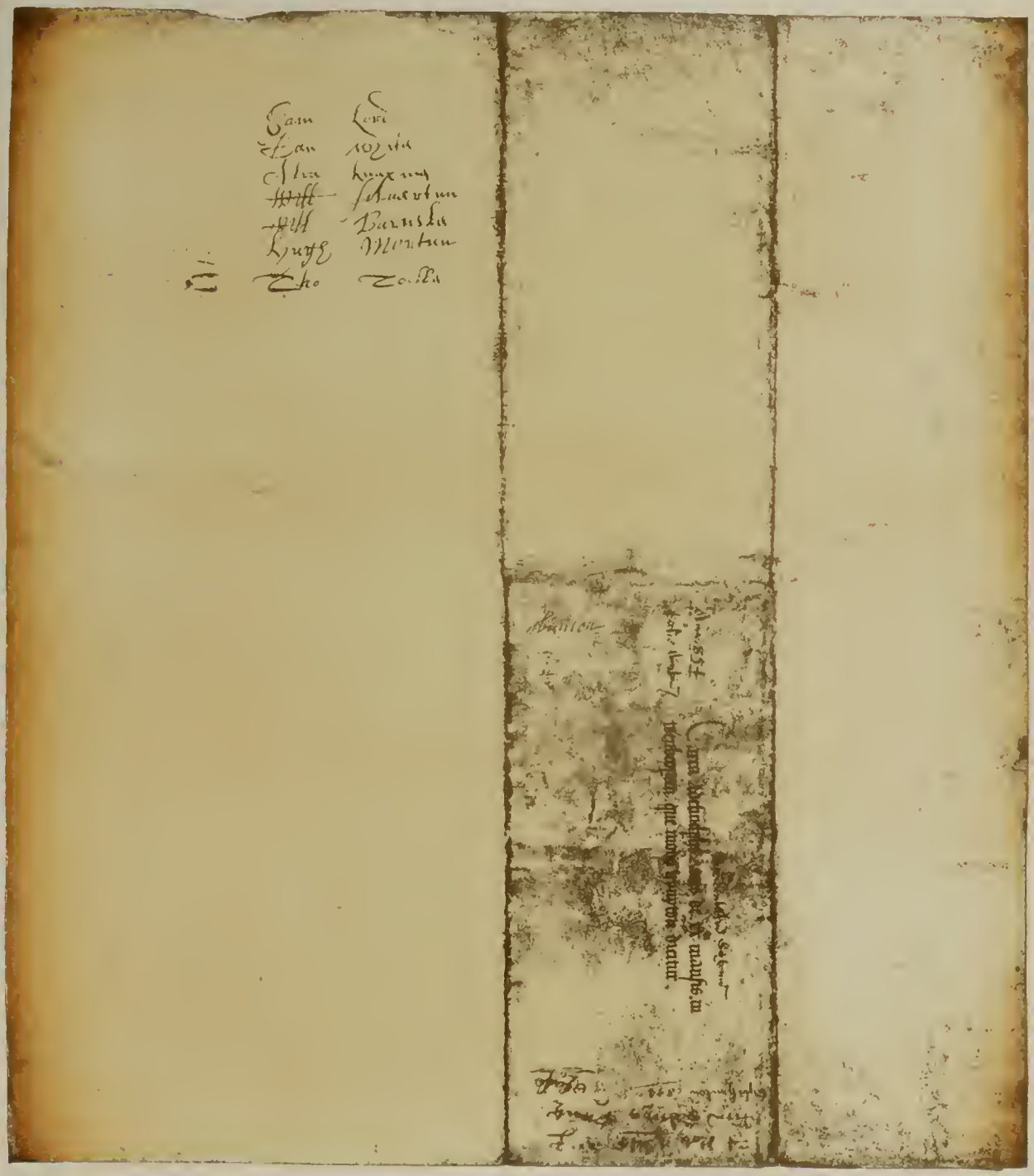


I.

Occidentalium Saxonum.
Carta Adelwulphi Regis de XX^ti mansis · in Wenheorgen · que modo Hynyton dicitur

Anno 854.
Ecclesie Wintoniensi.

21 Nov. 1645.
recepta per Ricardum Godwyn Smith.
Chase

I.

Charter of King Adelwulph of the East Saxons 20 hides in Wansborough which is now called Hynyton.

In the year 854
To the Church of Winchester.

24 November 1645 received by Richard Godwyn Smith.
Hinton Charter 854. Chase.

II.

EADWIG. A.D 957

✠ REGNANTE IN PERPETUUM DOMINO NOSTRO IHESU CHRISTO Nunc mutando fragilitas mortalis uitę marcescit et rotunda sęculorum uolubilitas manescit. Ac in earorum propinquorum amicorumque amissione conqueritur ac deflctur. Ideo ego EADþIG anglorum basileus cęterorumque populorum in circuitu persistentium gubernator et rector Cuidam meo fideli ministro uocitato nomine · þULFSTANO · IX · mansas perpetualiter concedo · Illic ubi anglica appellatione dicitur · æt CUNICTUNE · ut habeat ac possideat quamdiu uiuat et post se cuicumque noluerit heredi æternaliter derelinquat. Sit autem prędictum rus liberum ab omni mundiali obstaculo cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus · campis · pascuis · pratis · siluis · Sine expeditione · et pontis arcisue instructione. Si quis autem infringere temptauerit quod absit · sciat se rationem reddituruum coram deo et angelis suis · Nisi prius hic digna satisfactione emendare maluerit Istis terminis ambitur prędicta tellus · þis synt þa land gemæra to cunictune · ærest of bugla fenne ⁊ lang þa risepeges on eneda pylle þonon on þone mere of þam mere on holan broc ⁊ lang broces to uppylle þonon to gleotuninga þege of þam þege on earninga stræte þonon on seaxa broc ⁊ lang broces on gyrupan fen þa eft on bugla fen

Hæc carta karaxata est · Anno dominicę Incarnationis · DCCCCLVII Indictione XV

✠ Ego eadpig rex anglorum prefatam donationem concessi.
✠ Ego eadgar eiusdem regis frater celeriter consensi.
✠ Ego oda archiepiscopus cum signo sancte crucis roborui
✠ ælfsinus presul sigillum agię crucis impressi.

✠ Ego byrhthelm episcopus consignaui.	✠ æþelstan dux.	✠ æþelpold dux	✠ ælfheah minister.
✠ Ego cenpald episcopus adquieui.	✠ eadmund dux.	✠ ælfheah minister.	✠ eadpold minister.
✠ Ego oscytel episcopus corroborui	✠ ælfhere dux.	✠ ælfsige minister.	✠ ælfpold minister
✠ Ego osulf episcopus non renui.	✠ æþelsige dux.	✠ æþelgeard minister	✠ ælfric minister.
✠ Ego aþulf episcopus conclusi.	✠ byrhtnoþ dux.	✠ ælfred minister.	✠ eadric minister

II.

EADWIG. A.D. 957.

✠ OUR Lord Jesus Christ reigneth for ever Now doth the frailty of mortal life droop in vicissitude and the smooth whirl of years languish in the void of space. And we mourn over and bewail the loss of dear kinsmen and friends. Therefore I Eadwig King of the Angles, Governor and Ruler of the other people dwelling round about, grant to a certain faithful Thane of mine, Wulfstan by name, 9 hides in perpetuity in the place which is called by the Anglican appellation of Conington so that he may have and possess it as long as he live and after him may bequeath it to any heir he will for ever. Moreover let the aforesaid estate be free of all worldly obstacle with all things to it of right belonging fields pastures, meadows woods Army service and the building of bridge or castle excepted. Moreover if any one shall attempt to infringe this—which God avert let him know that he will have to render account with God and his angels Unless he here prefer to make satisfactory amends beforehand. The aforesaid land is surrounded by these boundaries These are the land boundaries at Conington First from Bugla fen along the rush way to the ducks' spring then to the mere from the mere to Holbrook along the brook to Upwell then to Glatton way from the way to Earning Street then to Sawbrook along the brook to Marsby fen to again to Bugla fen The charter was written in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 957 the 15th Indiction.

✠ I Eadwig King of the Angles have granted the aforesaid gift
✠ I Eadgar the said King's brother have swiftly consented.
✠ I Oda Archbishop have strengthened it with the sign of the Holy Cross
✠ I Ælfsin Prelate have impressed the sign of the Holy Cross
✠ I Byrhthelm bishop have consented
✠ I Cenwald bishop have acquiesced.
✠ I Oscytel bishop have corroborated
✠ I Osulf bishop have not denied.
✠ I Athulf bishop have concluded.

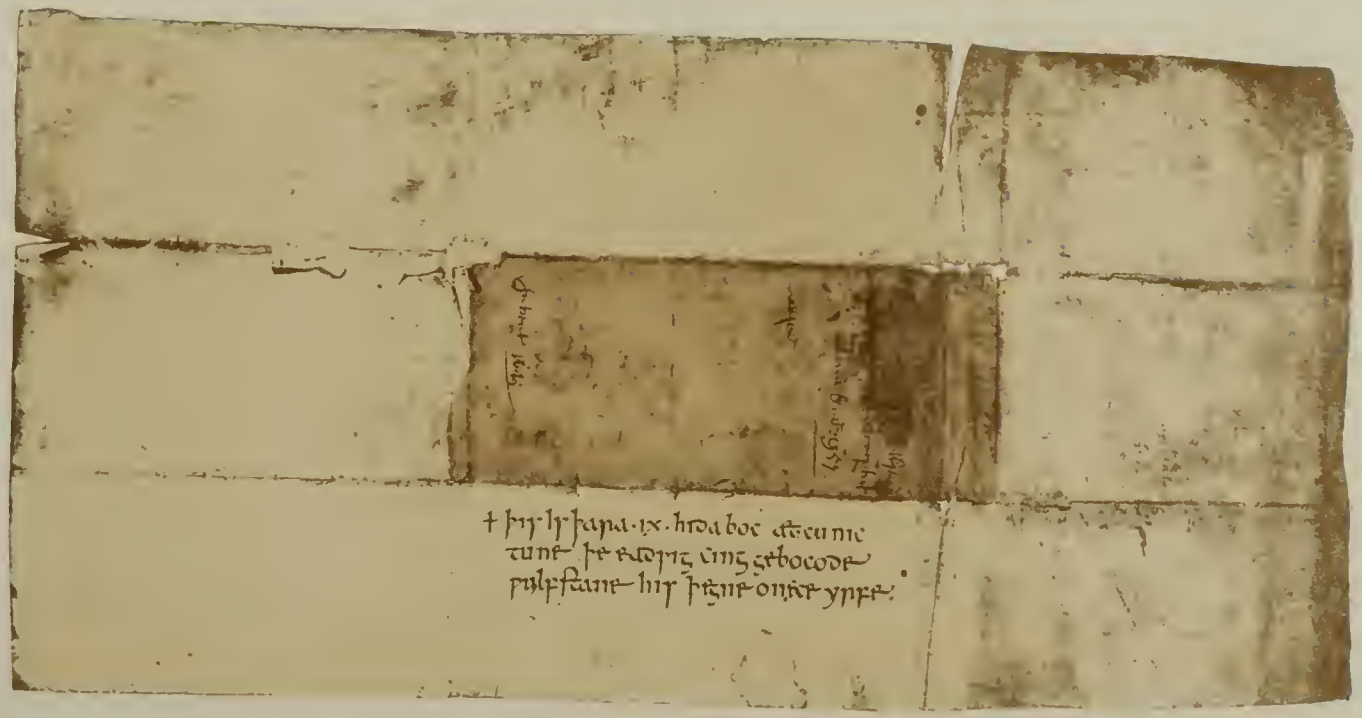
✠ Ethelstan duke	✠ Athelwold duke	✠ Ælfheah thane
✠ Eadmund duke.	✠ Ælfheah thane	✠ Eadwold thane
✠ Ælfhere duke.	✠ Ælfsige thane	✠ Ælfwold thane
✠ Ethelsige duke	✠ Ethelgeard thane	✠ Ælfric thane.
✠ Byrhtnoth duke.	✠ Ælfred thane.	✠ Eadric thane

Precante in perpetuum domino nostro Iesu Xpo. Hunc mutando fragilitas mortalis uitae marcescere perpetunda pecoruum
uolubilitas inanescere. de innocua proprii propinquorum amicorum quae amissione consentiretur a diplectum. Ego Eco elpric
anglorum basileus cetherorumque populorum insignantur christicolarumque subiugator et rector. Cuidam quo fideli ministro uo
citato nomine. Ealpstano. IX. manipas perpetualiter concedo. Illic ubi anglica appellatione dicitur. Æt Cynic
ut habeat ac possideat quandiu uiuat. et post se cuicumque uoluerit heredi aeternaliter derelinquat. Sit autem
predictum ius libertum abomni mundiali obstaculo cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus. [illegible] parcus [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] predictione. et poenas. apicisque instructione. Siquis autem in principio tuum [illegible] quod abrio
[illegible] scilicet per piratione perdiderunt copia do et angelis suis. Hi primus hic digna pars pacione emendare malueritis.
Sed per [illegible] ambitus predicta tellus. Pipperent faland gunecha weunne tune. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hæc carta scripta est. Anno dominicae incarnationis. DCCCLVII. Indictione. XV.

+ Eco eadgar rex anglorum principatum donatione concessi.
+ Eco eadgar elhsdum princeps [illegible] celtiuralh consensi.
+ Eco oda archiepis cyntricenses [illegible] nobonam
+ Eco elfrinus presul rogillam atque quicy impressi.

+ Eco	byrhthelm	eps	Contrisnam	. +	ethelstan	dux	. +	alhelpolo	dux	+	elfheah mis
+ Eco	cenpald	eps	doquieui	. +	eadmund	dux	. +	elfheah	mis	+	eadpold mis
+ Eco	oscytel	eps	Controbonam	. +	elfhere	dux	. +	elfrig	mis	+	alfpold mis
+ Eco	osulf	eps	nonnunni	. +	ethelrige	dux	. +	ethelgar	mis	+	elfric mis
+ Eco	apulf	eps	Concluri	. +	byrhtnoth	dux	. +	elfried	mis	+	eadric mis



+ þis is þæra · ix · hrœa boc ætæcunne
tunge þe eadgrís cyng gebocode
þulfstane his þegne ongean ynce.

II.

A grant of IX howses videliest IX mansiones in

Anno Domini 957

+ þis is þam · IX · hidn boc æt cunictune þe eadþig cyng gebocode ealfstane his þegne on cee yrfe

Inventa 1645

II.

+ This is the deed of the [illegible] hides at Cuniet[illegible] that King Eadwig thereby granted to his thane Wulfstan in perpetual inheritance

Found 1645

WORCESTER.

UHTRED OF THE HWICCAS. A.D. 770

IN nomine domini nostri ihesu christi. Certissime itaque absque dubitatione constat omnia quæ uidentur temporalia esse. Et ea quæ non uidentur eterna esse. Id circo ego uhtredus deo donante regulus huicciorum cogitaui. Ut ex accepta portione terrigenis regni a largitore omnium bonorum aliquid quamuis minus dignum pro remedio animæ meæ in usus ecclesiastice libertatis erogarem. Unde fideli meo ministro æNelmundo uidelicet filio ingeldi qui fuit dux et prefectus æNelbaldi regis merciorum cum consi . . et licentia offam regis merciorum simulque episcoporum ac principum eius. Terram . v . tributariorum id est uicum qui numinatur . . uxta flumium in orientale parte qui dicitur salmarpe iure æclesiastico possidendum libentissime pro domino omnipotenti . . . . alenus se uinente possideat et post se cuicumque uoluerit ducibus heredis relinquat Illisque e sæculo migrantibus reddat . eranens æclesiæ agrum cum libris ad mensam eorum sine ulla contradictione mihi atque omnibus nobis in elemosi tis patriæ Illorum que Intercessione ad deum uinum et uerum. Insuper digno pretio a antedicto ÆNelmundo suscepto . . ane terram liberam esse ab omni tributo parno uel maiore publicalium rerum et a cuntis operibus uel regis uel prin . ibus pontium uel necessaris defensionibus arcium contra hostes. Omnimodo quoque in dei omnipotentis nomi aliquis in hac prenominatam terram aliquid foraras furauerit alicui aliquid nisi speciliter pretium pro pretio augentem hoc meum preceptum omnipotens deus sua augere bona in æternum non cessat. Minuentem quod non . . . . . tribunal christi rationem redditurum nisi ante ea deo et hominibus satis emendauerit. Conscripta est Incarnatione domini nostri ihesu christi DCC LXX Indictione VIIII decenoui XI Lunari VIII.

reiorum hanc donationem subregulí mei consensi et signum sanctæ crucis inposui.

concedente humilis huicciorum episcopus consensi et subscripsi.

spensatione donante regulus propriæ gentis hanc meam libertatis donationem pro domino concessam corroborans signum salutare conscripsi.

. uicciorum huic concessæ donationi fratris mei consenticulo subscribo.

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+ Ego eadbald consensi et subscripsi.

. . . . . et subscripsi.

Hii sunt termini donationis istius salmarpæ Cymedes halh hwitan stan readan solo.

UHTRED OF THE HWICCAS A.D. 770.

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Most certainly, and therefore without doubt, it is evident that all these things which are visible are temporal and that those things which are not visible are eternal. Therefore, I, Uhtred by God's grant Sub-King of the Hwicci, have considered, how out of a portion of the terrestrial kingdom received from the Giver of All Good, I may bestow some thing, however unworthy, to the use of the liberty of the Church for my Soul's cure. Wherefore, with the consent and licence of Offanus, King of the Mercians, together with that of his prelates and princes . . most cheerfully . upon my faithful thane Æthelmund—to wit the son of Ingeld, who was commander and prefect of Æthelbald King of the Mercians, the land of five tributaries to wit the town which is named near the river, on the eastern side which is called Salwarpe to possess in ecclesiastical right for Almighty God. So that he may possess it during his life, and after him may leave it to any two heirs he may wish. And when they shall have departed this life the estate, with the deeds, are to revert to the . Church for their sustenance without any contradiction of myself or any of my people in nim . ently Kingdom and their intercession with the true and living God. Moreover a proper price having been received from the aforesaid Æthelmund . this land to be free of all tribute great and small for public affairs and all works either of the King or Prin . . . of bridges or the necessary defence of castles against the enemy. Also altogether in the name of Almighty God that if any one should take away any thing from this before named estate . . . any thing to any one unless specially price for price. May Almighty God unceasingly and eternally augment the blessings of him who shall augment this my decree. And if any one, which shall decrease it . . . render account the tribunal of Christ unless he shall previously make meet amends to God and men was written . . . . Incarnation of Our Lord Lord Jesus Christ 770, the 8th Indiction, the 11th Decennoval, the 8th Lunar.

. of the Mercians have consented to this grant of my Sub-King and have imposed the sign of the Holy Cross.

granting humble bishop of the Hwicci have consented and subscribed.

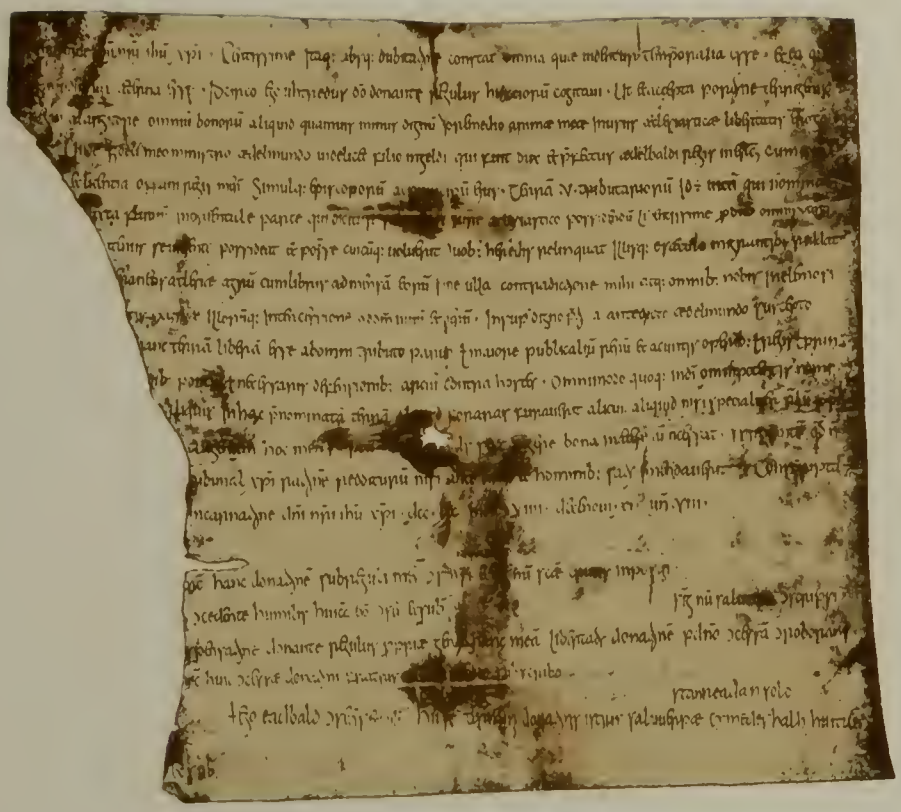
spensation granting Sub-King corroborating this my gift of liberty granted to my own proper people for the Lord's sake, have delineated the salutary sign.

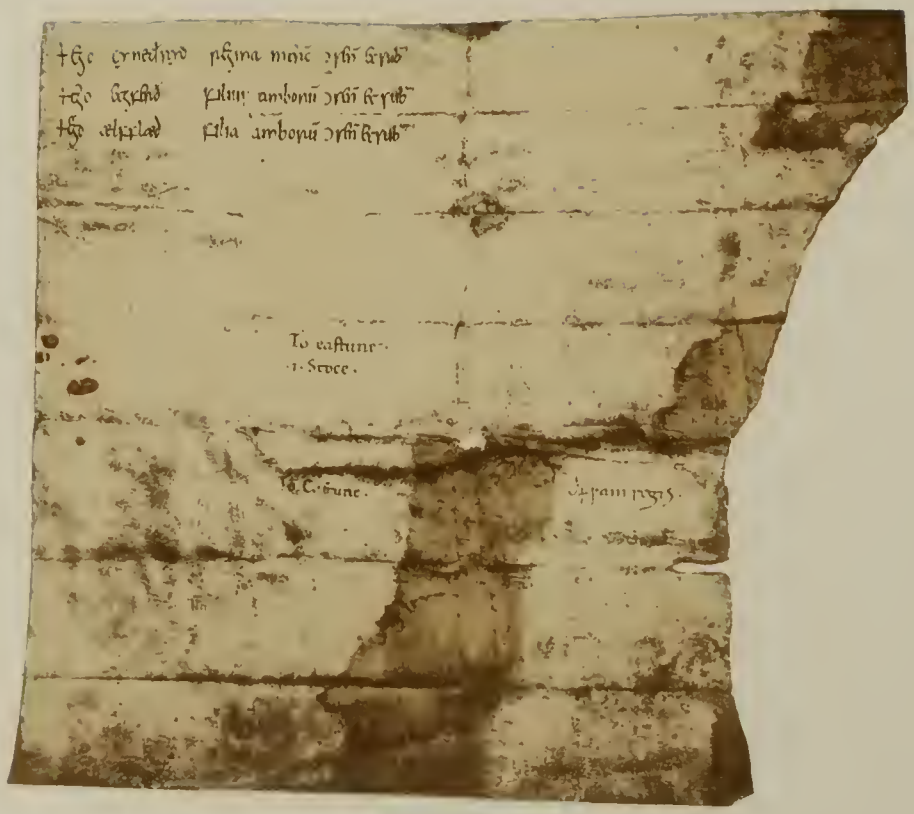
of the Hwicci, in consenting to this grant of my brother's, subscribe.

+ I, Eadbald have consented and subscribed.

. and subscribed.

These are the boundaries of this grant. Salwarpe, Cymedes-halh, White stone, Red sole




To eastune
Sevce.

✠ Ego cyneþryþ regina merciorum consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ecgferþ filius ambarum consensi et subscripsi.
✠ Ego ælfhed filia ambarum consensi et subscripsi.

To eastune.
. i . Stoce.

Stoce.
To Eastune

Offani regis.

✠ I, Cynethryth, Queen of the Mercians have consented and subscribed.
✠ I, Ecgferth, son of both, have consented and subscribed.
✠ I, Ælfhed, daughter of both, have consented and subscribed

At Eastune
. that is Stoke

Stoke
At Eastune.

King Offan's.

MARQUIS OF BATH.

I

BALDRED OF MERCIA. A.D. 681.

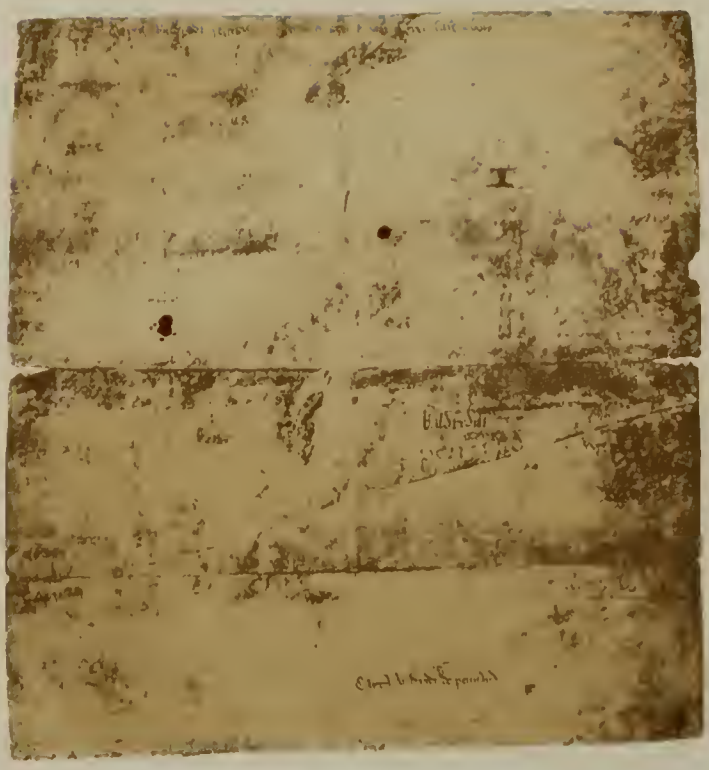
✠ OMNIA quæcunque secundum ecclesiasticam normam iusto moderamine decernuntur · quanquam proprium robur iure obtineant · attamen quia incertus humanæ uitæ status euidenter agnoscitur · paginis saltim uilibus pro ampliore firmitate roborentur. Denique · ego baldredus · rex ob amorem cælestis patriæ et indulgentiam criminum meorum aliquam terræ particulam hamgilso · abbati libenter · ad supplementum honorabilis ecclesiæ beatæ mariæ et sancti patricii confero · cum consensu pontificis nostri haeddi · qui etiam eundem venerabilem hamgilsum Centuuine rege Consentiente ibidem abbatem pro sua fideli conuersatione constituit. Et cæterorum cognatorum gubernacula regni regentium; Prælargita uero terra est super uerticem montis cuius uocabulum est pengerl · et est sub æstimatione XII manentium · et his utro ad ecclesiam beatæ mariæ circumcincta dinoscitur confiniis. Of cobbanlege up anlang broces to totanlege. Thonon east andeang slædes. Of tham slæde on thone burnan. Sua to cullanbyrig 7 east to stangedelfe. Thonon north anlang mæreges to there styccanbryege · on thone aldan pyll 7 sua andlang meres ut on brium. Sit obsecro augentibus pars in regno dei. Si quis autem quod absit tirannici fretus potestate: hoc decretum violenter irritum facere temptauerit sciat se iram et indignationem æterni iudicis incursurum per omnia sæculorum. Hæc uero kartula scripta est anno ab incarnatione Christi DCLXXXᵐᵒI. feliciter augeat Christus uitam æternam augentibus hanc donationem; Ego haedde episcopus Kartulam scripsi ✠. Signum manus baldredi regis ✠. Ego aldhelm abbas subscripsi ✠.

I.

BALDRED OF MERCIA. A.D. 681

✠ ALL things whatsoever, that are by pious guidance decreed according to ecclesiastical rule, although possessing of right their own proper force, yet, on account of the uncertain state of human life, it is plainly acknowledged that they should be, at all events, with more ample power, strengthened by the common form of written pages. And thereupon I, Baldred King for love of the heavenly home and the indulgence of my offences, do gladly confer a certain parcel of land upon Abbot Hamgils for the supply of the honourable church of Saint Mary and Saint Patrick with the consent of our pontiff Haedde—who indeed, by consent of King Centwine, has appointed the same venerable Hamgils Abbot there in reward of his faithful conversation—and of other kinsmen ruling the government of the realm. The before bestowed land, indeed, is upon the top of a hill the name whereof is Pennard and contains by estimation 12 hides and is distinguished by these boundaries within the church of St. Mary. From Elsleigh up along the brook to Totlegh. Then east along the slade. From the slade to the burn. So to Culsbury and east to the stone quarry. Then north along the way to the stone bridge on the old pill and so along the moor out on the Brue. I fervently pray that the augmentors of this gift may have their portion in the kingdom of God. But if any one—which God forbid—trusting to tyrannic power shall attempt to invalidate this decree, let him know that he shall incur the wrath and indignation of the Eternal Judge for all time. Moreover this charter was written in the year from the Incarnation of Christ DCLXXXI. May Christ abundantly enrich with eternal life those who augment this grant. I Haedde bishop have written this little deed ✠. The sign of the hand of King Baldred ✠. I Aldhelm abbot have subscribed ✠.

Ecclesia quicumque secundum ecclesiasticam nostram rationem deinceps
decernunt. Quicquid proprium habuit iure obtinebit. Ita tamen ut
excepto huiusque uite tempore eundem ut nosti ipse pagensis ratione
libus praecipiente primitiae habuerint. Denique ego Aldredus
rex obtinere celestis parque remuneratione quantum uiconum reliquae
terrae particulae hanc ipsi Abbati libenter ad supplementum hono
rabilis caelestis beatitudinis et ipsi pariter cum eo cum consensu populi
nostri hanc addi quietae eundem uenerabilem hanc ipsum Centuuine rege
consentiente ibidem Abbate pro sua fidelis omnipotentia constituimus
et ex eiusdem conuentus gubernacula regni regendum. Praelatus
ita ut ipse terrae est super ipsum ne pacem mortis omnis uocabulum est pertinet ad
[illegible] confirmatione [illegible] ad ecclesiam beatae [illegible]
[illegible] cum eo dinoscitur. Consimilis est ecclesiae abbatissae
[illegible] totam legem thonon earfoandlang fledes ofcheap fleale onthone binnan
suae weillan bryts. geafe tostange delfe thonounneth anlang
inweges tothene fenenan bryege onthone aldan prll. ysuae and
lang mores in corbinum sicut obsecro angelorum pax in regno dei. Si quis
autem quod absit temerarius sacrilegus potestate hoc dare tuuolentem pa
tuum faciente tempaciunt sciatse iuste et ad districtionem sacrum iudicis incur
surum. Pomia sed aliquid. Haec uero scripta sunt anno ab incar
natione domini dcccxlii. Indictione. Angeat xpi suae. et ipsi nam angelorum
hanc donationem: Ego Aldfe ex pa anilae scripsi. Signum manus
Aldredi regis + Ego Aldhelm Abbas subscripsi +



I.

Carta Baldredi regis de pennard et est septima in landebæke.

baldredus

pennerd

Carta baldredi de pennard.

I.

The charter of King Baldred of Pennard and it is seventh in the land book.

Baldred

Pennard

Baldred's charter of Pennard.

II.

EADRED. A.D. 955.

ANNO ab incarnatione domini nostri ihesu Christi · DCCCC LV. Ego eadred divina gratia favente rex et primicherius totius Albionis Elfgiue sancti moniali in wiltunensi monasterio degenti ob eius amabile et aurigenum pretiolum hoc est · CXX · solidos auri ruris particulam in loco qui dicitur Pengeard Mynster cassatis bisdenis estimatam tenore tantum modo interposito · ut ex his binarum usus uernantibus ad eius oracula monasterii prout antiquitus destinabatur · indiscussus perseueret · ab omni servitio preter arcem · pontem. expeditionem liberam · libenter admodum concessi. Eo tenore huius munificentiæ donum perstringens · ut post obitum suum inperpetuum ius cuiusmque noluerit heredi derelinquat quod si quisque quod non optamus huiusce donationis cartulam infringere temptauerit · ni prius in hoc seculo digne castigetur in futuro perenni cruciatu prematur.

Et his limitibus hæc telluris particula circum girari uidetur.

Erest onbulan setl þanon on stod leage of stodlege on þone meal mihtan ford of þam forda on þone langan þorn of þam þorne on peste perde hina dunc on þone ellenstyh · of þam stybbe on þone rise pyt · of þam pytte on þa haran apuldre · of þære apuldre on spynget of spyngete on þa caldan dic of þære dic on þone burnan of þam burnan on þone hare; of þam hæcce on cohlan sked; of þam sked on þa scocan aac · of þære æc on þone burnan of þam burnan on cullanburh norðsepeardc of cullanbýrg on þæt stangedelf of þam gedelfe on þone mærðorn of þam þornne on bicanham of bican hamme 7 lang hrieges on þidan cumb of þidan cumbe on rýlþýrðe restpeardc · of þære þýrðe on þæt pyl 7 lang pylles on þone stannihtan ford æt eadmundes býrg · of þam stanihtan forda on þa lace · 7 lang lace on þa street 7 lang street æt stocpada norðe peardne on þæt pyl 7 lang pylles on þa dic æt þæs biscopes gemæere of þære dic on east pýlle · of east pylle on hnut cumb · 7 lang hnut cumbes east · on fulan broc · of fulan broce on þa midan dic. of þære midandic on þæt street get of street gete suð 7 lang street · to hulan setle.

Huius doni constipulatorum nomina inferius notata uidentur.

Ego oda archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego wulfstan archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego ælfsige episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego wulfsige episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego alfrold episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego osulf episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego byrhtelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego coenrold episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego cynsige episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego wulfhelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego leofwine episcopus consensi et subscripsi.

Ego æþestan dux.
Ego eadmund dux.
Ego byrhferð dux.
Ego æthelsige dux.
Ego ælfsige minister
Ego ælfnoð minister
Ego byrhferð minister

II.

EADRED. A.D. 955.

IN the year from the Incarnation of Jesus Christ 955. I. Eadred by divine grace King and Chief of all Albion, have cheerfully and fully granted to the holy Nun Elfgyth dwelling in the Monastery of Wilton, in consideration of her amiable and aurigenous payment, to wit of 120 golden shillings, a parcel of land in the place which is called Pennard Minster estimated at twice ten cassates, free of all services except castle bridge and army: the condition alone being imposed that out of these, two shall continue strictly to be applied to the undisputed use of those chanting the orisons in her Monastery, as was the case in ancient times. Extending the deed of this largess, so that, after her death, she may bequeath the right to any heir she may wish in perpetuity. If any one, which we hope will not be the case, shall attempt to infringe this charter, even if he be not condignly punished in this world, may he be racked with eternal torments in that to come.

And this parcel of land appears to be surrounded by these boundaries. First, at Bulsettle, then at Studley from Studley to the sandy ford from the ford to the long thorn from the thorn westward of Hind's down to the older stub from the stub to the rush pit from the pit to the hoar appletree, from the appletree to Swine gate, from Swine gate to the old dike, from the dike to the burn from the burn to the hatch from the hatch to Eedda's slade from the slade to the sick oak; from the oak to the burn; from the burn to Cullburgh northward; from Cullburgh to the stone quarry; from the stone quarry to the more thorn, from the thorn to Bitcham from Bitcham along the ridge to Withcombe, from Withcombe to Wellworthy westward; from the worthy to the pill; along the pill to the stony ford at Edmund's bury; from the stony ford to the lake, along the lake to the street along the street at Stockwood northward to the pill, along the pill to the dike at the bishops boundary; from the dike to East well from East well to Nutcombe; along Nutcombe east to Foulbrook from Foulbrook to the big dike from the big dike to the street gate; from the street gate south along the street to Bulsettle

The names of the co-covenanters of this deed are to be seen written below.

I Oda archbishop have consented and subscribed
I Wulfstan archbishop have consented and subscribed.
I Ælfsige bishop have consented and subscribed.
I Wulfsige bishop have consented and subscribed
I Alfwold bishop have consented and subscribed
I Osulf bishop have consented and subscribed.
I Byrhtelm bishop have consented and subscribed
I Coenwold bishop have consented and subscribed.
I Cynsige bishop have consented and subscribed.
I Wulfhelm bishop have consented and subscribed.
I Leofwine bishop have consented and subscribed

I Æthestan duke.
I Eadmund duke
I Byrhtferth duke.
I Æthelsige duke.
I Ælfsige thane
I Ælfnoth thane.
I Byrhferth thane

Anno ab incarnatione dni nri ihu xpi dccccl v. Ego eadred diuina gratia rex totius
Angliae totius albionis elfgide sua mentali infirmitate monachus factus obiit pacabile et au-
gustissimum praecepit hoc scriptum. Quod ego aurum partiali in loco quod dicitur pingedon mi nisteri
calyxatis bis dimidiam estimatam tenere tantum modo mihi poscit. ut fiat binarum urnarum ubertatis
ad usum conuentus monachorum prout antiquitus deputatum. Indicatum fuit praesentet. ab omnibus petitio
praescripti auri. pondere expectationem liberam. libertatem ad modum concessi. et tenere huius rei
ecclesiae donum praeiudicium. ut post obitum eius in praesentia nostra conuenerint heredes
dimittant quod quisque quod non optamus humilitate donationis cartulam in pungere
uerint. nisi prius in hoc saculo digne caritatem in futuro praemium consecutus praemiatur
et hi limites haec telluris particula circum circa uidentur:
et west on bulan west hanon on ytod lacas. on ytod lacas. on sone meal mihtan pond. on sam
ponda on sone langan pohn. on sam pohne on perte pinde inna dune on sone allen yrb.
on sam yrbbe on sone yuc port. on sam port. on sa hanan apuldre. on sa apuldre
on ysyngset. on ysyngsete on sa aldan dic. on sa dic on sone bunnan. on sam bunnan on sone
hace. on sam hacce on abban slaed. on sam slaede on sa reocan aac. on sa aac on sone bunnan.
on sam bunnan on cullan bunh nonde peande. on cullam bynes on sae stan geolf. on sam geolf
on sone mandonn. on sam pohnne on bricanham. on bricanham me slang hnicges on pidan cumb.
on pidan cumbe on pyl pynde perte peande. on sa pynde on sae pyl. slang pyller on sone
stan mihtan pond. on sae eadmundes bynes. on sam stanihtan ponda on sa lace slang lace on sa stanaet
slang stanaet. on sae stanfudu nonde peande on sae pyl. slang pyller on sa dic. on sae bipcopes
se mare. on sa dic on eart pylle. on eart pylle on hnut cumb. slang hnut cumbes. eart. on sa
bnoc. on sulan bnoce on sa milan dic. on sae milan dic. on sae stanaet get on sae stanaet get
rud slang stanaet. to bulan west le:
Hunc doni contrapulatorum nomina in scripturis notata uidentur:
Ego oda archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego sulestan archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego alfrise episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego sulfrise episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego alfpold episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego osulf episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego byrhtelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego coenpold episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego cynrise episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego sulfhelm episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego alfrine episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
Ego alfstan dux.
Ego eadmund dux.
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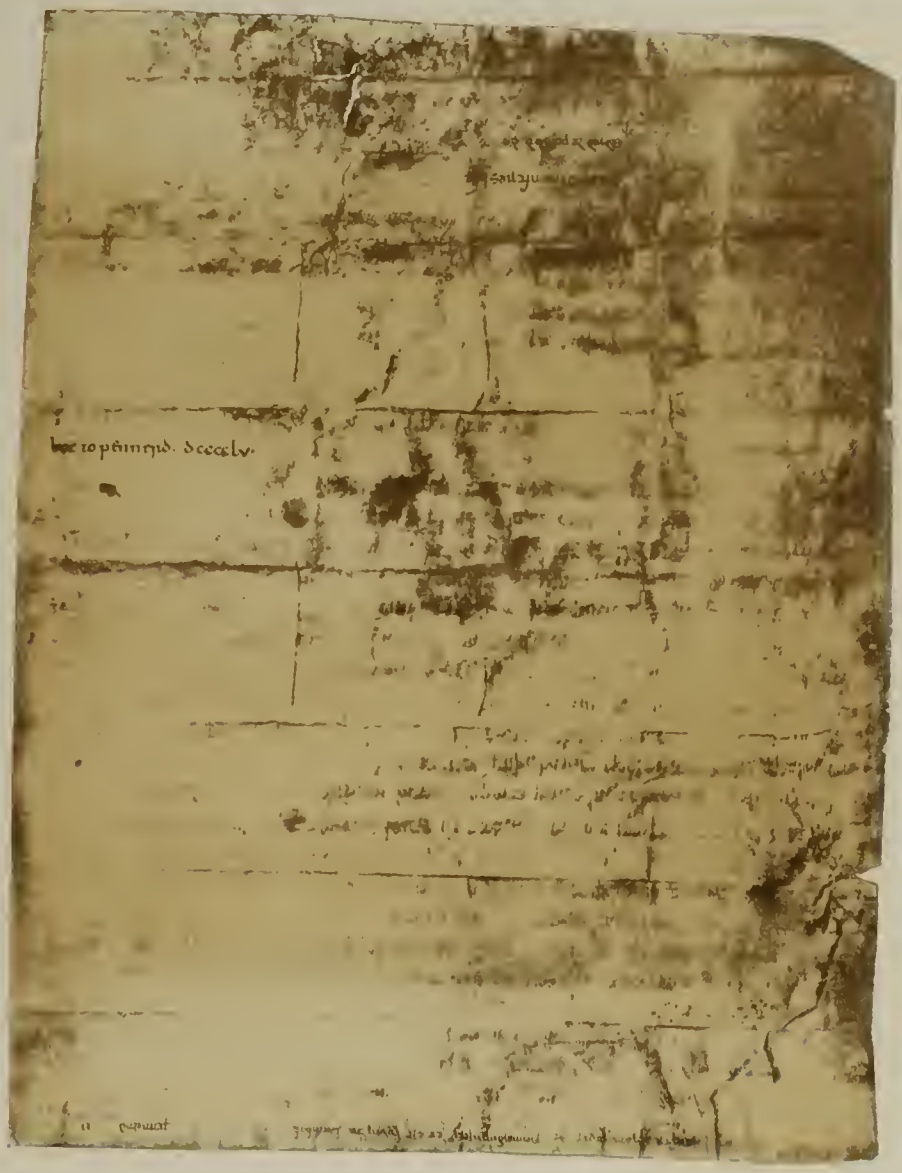
Ego alfrise dux.
Ego alfrise ministri.
Ego alfnod ministri.
Ego byrhtnod ministri.



II.

Carta edredi regis de peunard minster et est LXVIII. in landeboke.

peunard II

boc to penuerd DCCCCLV

penerd mynstres boc.

Eddred de pennard te.

II.

The Charter of King Edred of Pennardminster and it is LXVIII. in the land book.

Pennard · IJ.

Deed to Penuerd · DCCCCLV.

Penard Mynstre's deed.

Edred about Pennard &c.

EARL OF ILCHESTER.

I.

EADGAR. A.D. 965.

XXI N altithrono onomate cui omne genu flectitur cælestium terrestrium et infernorum. EGO EADGAR monarchiam totius brittannię insulę cum supernо innamine obtinens cuidam fideli homine quem nonnulli nocitant noto nocamne · pulfheard aliquam partem terrę · id est tres uirgas (perticas) illic ubi undgari uocabulo dicitur æt ceasol burnan · perpetualiter concedo. Dum uero uitale spiramen suum fouerit corpus animo iocundo nostro dapsili dedi tione pertruatur decurso scilicet suę curriculo uitę herodi cuicumque uoluerit impendat imperpetuum karisma · cum campis pascuis · pratis siluis expeditionis · pontis · et arcis · non expers sit hoc donum sed cęterarum rerum. Si autem quod absit quis filius perditionis hoc nostrum decretum infringere aut immutare conatus fuerit sit ipse pulsu demonum in æternam damnationem tradendus id est in extremam partem tetri barathri sub horrida stagna tartarei sit proiectus acherontis cuius turpidus gurges cæno ac nasta uoragine æstuare assertur. Nisi prius hic ad satisfactionem peruenerit et digna pœnitentia emendare maluerit. Hæc sunt confinia supradictę terrę. Erest on cyselburnan on Sone ham of Sam hamme andlang streames to hpitan pyllon of hpitan pillon andlang streames to forda of Sam forda to herpode to þære hege rape þonone to herpode andlang herpodes an furlang. Hæc cartula scripta est anno ab incarnatione domini nostri iesu christi · DCCCCLXV · Indictione · VIII.

+ Ego eadgar totius albionis rex hoc donum indeclinabiliter concessi atque trophęo agię crucis confirmaui.
+ Ego dunstan metropolitanę ecclesię archiepiscopus hanc munificentiam signo crucis christi munire curaui.

+ Ego ælfstan episcopus roboraui.	+ ælfhere dux	+ ælfpine minister.	+ leofa minister.
+ Ego æðelpold episcopus impressi.	+ ælfheah dux	+ æðelperd minister.	+ leofsige minister.
+ Ego ælfpold episcopus scribere iussi.	+ æðelstan dux	+ pintsige minister.	+ ælfhelm minister
+ Ego byrhtelm episcopus adinuaui.	+ æðelmund dux.	+ pulfstan minister.	+ byrhtric minister.
+ Ego osulf episcopus adquieui.	+ ordgar dux.	+ byrhtulf minister.	+ pulfgar minister.

I.

EADGAR. A.D. 965.

XXI N the name of the High throned to whom every knee is bent of all in Heaven on Earth and under the Earth. I, Eadgar, having by help of the Most High, obtained the monarchy of the whole island of Britain grant in perpetuity to a certain faithful subject of mine, whom some call by the well known name of Wulfheard, a certain parcel of land, that is, three yards, to wit, perches, in the place that it in common parlance called Cheselburn That he may with a joyond mind enjoy our bountiful gift as long as the breath of life animates his body and after the course of life has been run, may bestow it as a perpetual free gift upon any heir he may wish with fields, pastures, meadows, woods this grant not to be free of any service, bridge, or castle, but of other things. Moreover if which God avert any Son of Perdition shall try to infringe or alter this our decree, let him be thrust by the pushing of Devil into eternal damnation that is let him be hurled into the extreme depths of dreadful Hell beneath the horrid pools of Tartarean Acheron whose foul abyss is said to boil in one vast whirlpool of filthy mire Unless he here make satisfaction and with due penitence prefer to make amends. These are the limits of the above said land First, at Cheselburn on the farm from the farm along the stream to Whitewell from Whitewell along the streame to the Ford from the ford to the high way from the high way to the hedge row: then to the high way along the high way one furlong This charter was written in the year from the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ 965, the 8th Indiction

+ I, Eadgar King of all Albion have indeclinably granted this gift and confirmed it with the trophy of the Holy Cross
+ I, Dunstan Archbishop of the metropolitan church have taken care to strengthen this large with the sign of the Holy Cross

+ I, Elfstan bishop have strengthened	+ Elfhere duke	+ Elfwine thane.	+ Leofa thane
+ I Æthelwold bishop have impressed	+ Elfheah duke	+ Æthelward thane	+ Leofsige thane
+ I Alfwold bishop have commanded when written.	+ Ethelstan duke	+ Wihtsige thane.	+ Elfhelm thane
+ I Byrhtelm bishop have assented.	+ Athelmund duke	+ Wulfstan than	+ Byrhtric than
+ I, Osulf bishop have acquiesced	+ Ordgar duke	+ Byrhtulf thane	+ Wulfgar thane

Wnatrihpono ononomate cui omne gnu flectatur celestium terrestrium ſ infernorum.
EGO EADGAR monarchiam totius britannie insule cum supernno iuuamine obtinens
eidem fideli homine quem nonnulli uocitant nouo uocamine pulchrando aliquam partem terrae.
id est tres uirgas illic ubi uulgari uocabulo dicitur æt ceosel bunnan perpetualiter concedo. Dum
uero uitale spiramen suum reuuit corpus animo iocundo nno dapsili deditione perfruatur de
cuius solitae sue cunniculo iure hereditario ancumque uoluerit imperandi imperpetuo facultatem. cum
campis pascuis pratis siluis aquarum pontis aliarum non aliquis hoc donum sed certamen nrm
Si uero quod absit quis pli perditionis hoc nim decretum infringere aut immutare conatus fuerit
sit ipse pulsus dominum metuendam damnationem tradendus id est interitum partem totius beatitudinis
sub horrida stagna tartarei sit proiectus ac thomas cuius tumidus gurges ceno ac uapore uora
gine æstuans astuatur. Nisi prius hic adsatis factorum perfuerit adigna perfecerit findere inuluerit
hæc sunt commia supradicte terre. Æpesto onorselbornan ordone hum opdum hamme andlang feredmes tohpreon pyllon op hpreon pyllon ond
lang fereunes to fonda opdum fonda tohipode op hipode to pæne hige pæpe honone tohipode andlang hipodes anfinlang
hæc cartula scripta est anno abincarnatione dni nri ihu xpi. DCCCLXV. indictione. VIII.
+Ego eadgar totius albionis rex hoc donum indeclinabiliter concessi atque tropheo agie crucis confirmauit
+Ego dunstan metropolitanus ecclesie archiepiscopus hanc munificentiam signo crucis xpi munire curauit.

+Ego	ælfstan	eps	rochestre	+ ælfhere	dux	+ ælfgine	min	+ leofa	min
+Ego	ælfstan	eps	lindesiae	+ ælfheah	dux	+ ædelfrid	min	+ leofsige	min
+Ego	ædelwold	eps	winchestre	+ ædelstan	dux	+ pihtrige	min	+ ælfhelm	min
+Ego	ælfwold	eps	sceuhe	+ ædelmund	dux	+ ælfstan	min	+ byrhtnoth	min
+Ego	byrhtelm	eps	cridiuuan	+ ædgar	dux	+ byrhtulf	min	+ ælfgar	min
+Ego	osulf	eps	cridiuuan	+ oswald	dux				

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] bonnan þe eadgar cing [illegible]
[illegible] pulchande on ear [illegible]

I.

✠ þis is þara þreora ȝýrda land boc æt ceosol burnan þe eadgar cing hafð gebocod pulfheardc on ece ýrfe.

I.

✠ This is the deed of the three yardlands at Chuelburn that King Eadgar thereby bestowed upon Wolfheardc in perpetual inheritance.

II

CNUT. A.D. 1024.

MUNDANIS cladibus ista erumpnosa uita (tam uar) iis defectibus ita lasescendo tabescit ac deficit ut immature mortis occiduis casibus heu pro dolor quamplurimi aeternam traiantur ad interitum Sed u(obis cu)nctis elaborandum omnibus notis extat sane sapientibus ut spurcitias bellat cuitantes · theorice uitae amoenissima consequi mereamur contubern(ia Q uamo)brem ego CNUT annuente ac fauente dei omnipotentis clementia totius anglorum basileus ceterarumque nationum in circuitu degentium regens atque (gubernans q)uandam ruris particulam vii · scilicet terre mansas eo in loco ubi ruricolę terre illius nomen indidere ut PORTESHAMME meo ministro quem noti atque a(mici Orcy noc)itare solent pro eius amabili fidelitate libenti animo libertate perpetua largitus sum quatinus ille habeat atque perpetualiter possideat quamdiu uita(le suum st)amen uigerit · Cumque dissolutionem sui corporis imminere cognouerit cuicumque sibi libuerit heredi iure hereditario in aeternam possessionem derelinqu(at Sit autem) haec prenominata nillula libera cum omnibus ad illam rite pertinentibus in campis ac pascuis pratis aquarumque cursibus · rebus tantum modo tribus exceptis expeditione) uidelicet pontis arcisue recuperatione Si autem tempore contigerit aliquo quempiam hominum aliquem antiquiorem librum contra istius libri libertatem produ(cere irritum) computetur isto pe. omnia in sua stabilitate permanente atque uigente Si quis autem quod non optamus nostre munificentiae donum perurtere conamine s(uo praesumpserit) collegio priuatus perpetuae felicitatis erumpnam hauriat atrocissime calamitatis mortis nisi ante terminum presumptionem hanc temerariam legali (satisfactione) emendare studuerit. + His uero uocabulis diuulgari uidentur termini agrorum uidelicet predictorum Erest of mylebroce on cuceles hylle of cuceles (hylle on holun · of) holun on mutheorh · of mutheorge on þa street of þære street on þone caldan þeg þarh þone graf ⁊ spa on þone smalan þaþ ofer þa street on þone caldan þeg ⁊ spa andlang þeges on atange . . . b earh · ⁊ spa on utstalles heorh · of þam beorge suð on þa caldan þale spa on corf gates þestram totan of þam totan suð be þale on þære dice hýrnan ⁊ spa þest be dic on oðre hyrnan spa suð be dic on þære meale hyrnan ⁊ þaer þest be dic on oðre maele hyrnan ⁊ spa suð andlang dic on halgan pyl of halgan þýlle þest be dic on þa elavian lane · of þære elavian lane on mylebroe aluu be streame eft of mylebroce on cuceles hýlle:

+ Acta est autem haec prefata donatio anno dominicae incarnationis · MXXIIII · indictione VII horum consilio et testimonio quorum nomina hic infra habentur.

+ Ego CNUT rex anglorum alme crucis signaculo hanc munificentiam consignaui

+ Ego æþelnoð archiepiscopus.
+ Ego ælfsie episcopus.
+ Ego byrhtpold episcopus.
+ Ego ælfmær episcopus
+ Ego byrhtpi episcopus.
+ Ego godpine dux.
+ Ego eglaf dux
+ Ego hacun dux
+ Ego byrhtmær.
+ Ego æþelperd abbas.
+ Ego æþelpold abbas.
+ Ego ælfpi abbas.
+ Ego byling abbas.
+ Ego eadsie presbiter.
+ Ego eadpold presbiter
+ Ego ælfpine presbiter
+ Ego Sorð minister.
+ Ego agemund minister.
+ Ego þorð minister.
+ Ego leofpine minister.
+ Ego þurcyl hoga minister.
+ Ego karl minister.
+ Ego toui lapta minister.
+ Ego byrhsie minister.
+ Ego kartoca minister.
+ Ego toui reada minister
+ Ego broðor minister.
+ Ego ælfget minister.
+ Ego boui minister.
+ Ego þurgod minister.
+ Ego æþelmær minister
+ Ego byrhtric minister
+ Ego sigeperd minister
+ Ego rinhus minister.
+ Ego pulfnoð minister.
+ Ego þurstan minister

II.

CNUT A.D. 1024

THIS miserable life so wastes away and grows feeble under the assaults of many worldly disasters and calamities, that by the occasional accident of premature death very many men, alas! are unhappily dragged into eternal perdition But it is evidently the duty of all so to labour, by all wise means, that escaping the pollution of Belial, we may be found worthy to attain to the delightful communion of theoric life. Wherefore, I Cnut, by favour and permission of Almighty God, King of all the Angles and of the other nations dwelling round about ruler and governor have with a willing mind bestowed a certain portion of land to wit, 7 hide in that place which the country people of those parts are wont to name Portisham, upon my Thane whom his friends and acquaintance are wont to call Orcy in reward of his amiable fidelity, in perpetual freedom so that he may have and always possess the same as long as his thread of life shall flourish and when he shall perceive the dissolution of his body to be at hand, that he may bequeath the same in eternal possession to whatever heir he may please in hereditary right. Let this before named little estate moreover, be free, with all things to the same pertaining, in fields, pastures, meadows, watercourses, three things alone excepted to wit army service and the repair of bridge or castle If however it should happen at any time that any man shall produce any older deed against the liberty of this deed, it shall be considered of no effect—this deed continuing in all things permanent and flourishing in its stability And if which we hope will not happen any one shall presume to endeavour to prevent the grant of our bounty, let him be deprived of the fellowship of everlasting happiness and drain the bitter cup of the most horrible punishment unless before the term of death he shall study to make amends with legal sufficiency for his rash presumption + The boundaries to wit, of these aforesaid fields appear to be divulged under those designations First from Millbrook to Cuceles hill from Cuceles hill to the cave from the cave to the moot hill from the moot hill to the street from the street to the old way through the grove and so to the small path over the street to the old way and so along the way to atange . beorh and so to Etstealles barrow from the barrow south to the old wall on to Corfe gate western tote from the tote south by the wall to the dike corner and so west by the dike to the other corner so south by the dike to the corner of the mead, and there west by the dike to the other mead corner and so south along the dike to Holy well from Holy well west by the dike to the clayey lane from the clayey lane to Millbrook down by the stream again from Millbrook to Cuceles hill.

+ Moreover this aforesaid gift was made in the year of the dominical incarnation MXXIIII indiction VII, by the advice and testimony of those whose names appear here below

+ I Cnut king of the angles have signed this bounty with the sign of the blessed cross

+ I Æthelnoth archbishop.
+ I Ælfsie bishop
+ I Byrhtweold bishop
+ I Ælfmær bishop
+ I Byrhtwi bishop
+ I Godwine duke
+ I Eglaf duke
+ I Hacun duke
+ I Byrhtmær duke
+ I Æthelwerd abbot
+ I Athelwold abbot
+ I Ælfwi abbot
+ I Lyfing abbot
+ I Eadsie priest
+ I Eadwold priest
+ I Ælfwine priest
+ I Thorth thane.
+ I Agemund thane
+ I Thorth thane
+ I Leofwine thane.
+ I Thurcyl the Prudent thane
+ I Karl thane.
+ I White Tom thane
+ I Byrhsie thane
+ I Kartoca thane
+ I Red Tovi thane
+ I Brothor thane
+ I Ælfget thane.
+ I Bovi thane.
+ I Thurgod thane
+ I Æthelmær thane
+ I Byrhtric thane.
+ I Sigeward thane
+ I Winhus thane
+ I Wulfnoth thane
+ I Thurstan thane

P Mundanis cladibus iste crumpnosa uita
ad æternum euhantur adinterim. Sed
nissima consequi meramur contuberni
onum in circuitu de[illegible]entium regni atque
HAORORE. meo min:stro quem non æque
atque perpetualiter possidear quam diu arci
tario in æternam possessionem derelinqu
cursibus. rebus tantum modo tribus excepti
libri con[illegible] istius libri libertatem prouo
ficentiae denuo peruertere conaretur
presumptionem hanc temeritatem legali
Epest of mylebpoce oncuceles hylle of æcelesf
onpone ealoan pes ⁊ Spa-lans pesfon atang
hynnan. ⁊ Spa pesf be dic onodpe hynnan
of þæne clænæ lane. on mylebpoce abun be
horum consilio & testimonio quorum nomina hic infra habentur. + Ego Cnut rex anglorum alme crucis signaculo hanc muni fi cet ⁊ tam cor ⁊ signa ui

defectibus ita lasescendo tabescit ac deficit ut in maturę mortis occiduis casibus heu prouolo quam plurimi
necis elabentibus omnibus notis extat sane sapientibus ut spuriciis belui cuncantes. theorice uitae amoe
brem ego Cnut annuente de fauente dei omnipotentis clementia regius anglorum basileus ceterumque nati
andam mansi particulam. vii. scilicet terre mansus eo in loco ubi ruricole terre illius nomen indidere at PORTES
ierit solent pro eius amabili fidelitate libenti animo libertate perpetua largitus sum. quatinus ille habeat
gmen uigueri. Cumq: absolutionem sui corporis [illegible]minere. cognouerit. [illegible]cumque sibi libuerit heredi iure hereditari
hae prenominata uillula libera cum omnibus ad illam iure pertinentibus. in campis de pascuis pratis aquarumq:
uidelicet pontis arcisue reuperatione. Si autem tempore contigerit aliquo quempiam hominum aliquē antiquiore
conpuncturum. isto pomnia in sua stabilitate permanente atq: uigente. Siquis autem quod non optamus nostre muni
collegio priuatus perpetuae felicitatis. [illegible] pnata hauriat atrocissime calamitatis. mortis nisi ante terminum
memorare studuerit. + his uero uocabulis diuulgari uidentur terminii agrorum uidelicet predictorum.

[illegible] on morbeoph. of morbeopge onpa spur of pæne spur onpone ealoan pes [illegible] phone spur ⁊ spa onpone smalan pæp oper pa sp[illegible]
[illegible] spa on æt secalles beoph. of hā beorge Sud gi pa eulean pale Spa [illegible] pes pran tuan. of pam tuan Sud be pale on pæne [illegible]
hynnan ⁊ spa Sud anolanc ric on hæhan pyl of halgan pylle pes be dic on pā clæian lane.
hynnan ⁊ þæp pes be dic on [illegible] hynnan
of pæne clænæ lane. on mylebpoce abun be [illegible] of mylebpoce oncuceles hylle. + Acta est autem haec prefata donatio anno dominicae incarnationis. M. XXIIII. Indictione. VII.

+ Ego æpelnod apchi	eps	+ Ego byphtmæp	abb	+ Ego Dopd	min	+ Ego bpodop	min
+ Ego æl[illegible]sie	eps	+ Ego æpelpeno	abb	+ Ego dgemund	min	+ Ego æl[illegible]ger	min
+ Ego byphtpolo	eps	+ Ego æpelpolo	abb	+ Ego pepd	min	+ Ego boui	min
+ Ego æl[illegible]mæp	eps	+ Ego æl[illegible]pi	abb	+ Ego leofpine	min	+ Ego punzoo	min
+ Ego byphtpi	eps	+ Ego lyfing	abb	+ Ego punzylhozn	min	+ Ego æpelmæp	min
+ Ego goopine	dux	+ Ego eadpie	prb	+ Ego [illegible]	min	+ Ego byphtlie	min
+ Ego glap	dux	+ Ego eadpolo	prb	+ Ego teuihpta	min	+ Ego Sigepeno	min
+ Ego hacun	dux	+ Ego æl[illegible]pine	prb	+ Ego byphlie	min	+ Ego pinhus	min
				+ Ego kapzoca	min	+ Ego pulpnod	min
				+ Ego oui penoa	min	+ Ego pupstan	min

Dis is þrīta .vii. hīda landboc to þæm
hæmme þe Cnut kyninges gebocode
þæs his ðegnes on ecre ȳþre.

II

Þis is þæra · VII · hida land boc to portes-
hamme þe CNUT cyning gehocode Orce his
Þegne on ece yrfe

Rex Knowte.
Portesham pro Ork

II.

This is the land deed of the 7 hides at Portisham
that King Cnut thereby bestowed on his thane Orc
in perpetual inheritance.

King Knewte
Portisham for Ork

III

EADWARD A.D. 1044

POSTQUAM protoplasti serpentina suasione seducti stola immortalitis perdita · in huius terre peregrinationis erumpnis multiplicibus onustam creatoris sententia multati sudatis multibus proprio conamine humum terre colere coeperunt Semper sequacibus necessitas inolevit alimoniam ceu mortalibus ex terre germinibus adquirere ne deficiente victu deficeret et vita; Ideoque ego EADPEARD rex anglorum dedi cuidam meo fideli ministro qui iuxta suę proprie gentis consuetudinem ab infantili etate nomen accepit ORC in eternam hereditatem impendo telluris particulam · id est · v. perticarum agelhali illo in loco ubi iamdudum solicole regionis illius nomen imposuerant aet þU DETUNE libenter concedo quatenus ipse libere possideat uita (comite) cum cunctis utilitatibus campis · paschuis pratis · siluis · et post metam huius labilis uite cuicumque heredi sibi placuerit derelinquat in ęternam hereditatem; Si autem tempore contigerit aliquo quempiam hominum aliquem uiventum ob istarum apicum adnihilationem in palam producere sit omnimodis ab omnibus hominum ordinibus condempnatus · omnique abolitus industria ueritatis cuiuscumque regum fuerit tempore perscriptus. Sit autem istud prefatum rus liberrimum ab omni mundiali obstaculo exceptis que usuali ritu obseruantur · id est cum glomerata sibi alternatim expeditioni compulerit populari commilitonum conflligere castra atque cum sua petunt pontis titubantia muniri vada. Ac cum concinium turma urbium indigent munri stabiliter septa; Et si quis hanc nostram largitionem uiolerit cupido conamine adnullare et ad proprium usum peruertere sciat se dignam mercedem recepturum suae tyrannidis Cum complicibus iude proditoris christi · nisi satisfactione emendare antea satagerit. His namque confinis prefatum rus circumcincta est.

+ Erest of streatforda up andlang þæs grenan peges to snicerran æc. Andlang pegges to Ketanlege uncperdre. Andlang herpaþes to þam herpaþes on norþ healfe lobirihtes gete · Of þam herpaþe benorþan labirihtes gete on þære dice hýrnan adune on þære land seare to þam tpam ricon adune 7 langes drim hyrstes lace · fram þære lace to þam ligegendum æc · fram þam liegendum æc innan sticelan ford · Of þam forda andlang herpaþes of pulfrices dice · hýrnan · fram þære dice hyrnan 7 lang hæccean · to bridian beara lace on þone hnottan stylh · of þam hnottan stylhe 7 lang hæccean on þone myeclan mapeldran. Andlang hæccean to þære ræp apoldran. Andlang hæccean to ceru hlinces herpaþe. Andlang herpaþes to þan holan pege. Andlang dic suþ to þære holan lace · 7 lang þære lace · up innan þone herpaþ. Andlang herpaþes innan hpeonlforda.

Scripta est autem hæc singrapha. Anno dominicę incarnationis · Millesimo · quadragesimo · IIII Indictione uero XII. Horum consilio et testimonio quorum no[mina] hic infra habentur.

+ Ego EADPEARD rex anglorum (signo crucis) signaculo hanc munificentiam consignaui.
+ Ego EADSIGE doruernensis ecclesię archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ Ego ælfric eboracensis ecclesię archiepiscopus.
+ Ego siperd dux.
+ Ego Godwine dux
+ Ego leofric dux.

+ Ego ælfunine episcopus.	+ Ego ælfstan abbas.	Ego osgod minister.
+ Ego brihtpold episcopus.	+ Ego ælwine abbas.	Ego brihtric minister
+ Ego lyfineg episcopus.	+ Ego æþelpward abbas.	Ego ælfstan minister.
+ Ego brihtpine episcopus.	+ Ego ælfric abbas.	Ego ælfget minister.
+ Ego alfpold episcopus.	+ Ego ælfpig abbas.	Ego Siperd minister.
+ Ego dudoc episcopus.	+ Ego æþelwi abbas.	Ego þulfnoþ minister.
+ Ego calldred episcopus.	+ Ego ælfpig abbas.	Ego eeglaf minister.

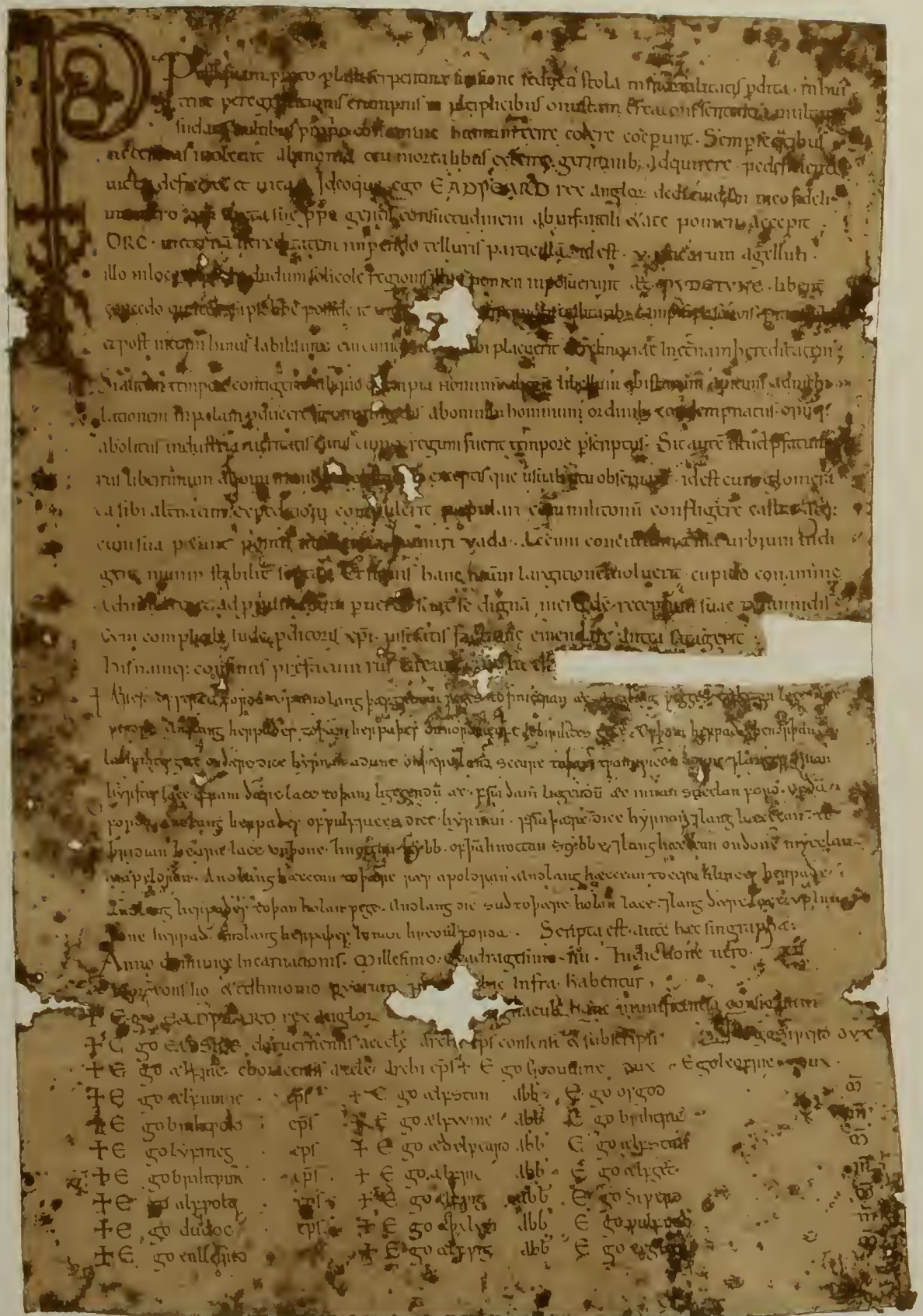
III.

EADWARD A.D. 1044.

AFTER the Protoplast's stole of immortality had been lost through his seduction by the wiles of the serpent among the manifold afflictions of this world of pilgrimage, men for punishment began by their own labour to till, with the sweat of their brows, the land laden with the Creator's doom And upon succeeding generations as being mortal—the necessity has always been imposed of having to obtain sustenance from the germs of the earth, lest food failing, life should fail as well. And therefore I, Edward King of the Angles, have given and freely grant and bestow upon my faithful thane, who, after the manner of his own people, has received from the age of infancy the name of Orc, in eternal heritage, the parcel of land to wit, five perches of a little field in the places to which the inhabitants of that region have long since given the name of Wealton, that he may freely possess the same during life with all uses, fields, pasturage, meadows, and woods, and after reaching the goal of this fleeting life may bequeath it in eternal freehold to whatever heir he may please And if it should at any time happen that any man should quickly produce any writing for the annulling of this charter, let it be condemned in every way by all conditions of men and with all love of truth destroyed no matter in whatever Kings reign it may have been written out Moreover let this estate be very free from all worldly obstacles except those which are usually observed, that is when the man of his fellow soldiers shall compel him in turn to fight in the popular expedition, to strengthen castles, and, as necessity requires, the tottering piers of bridges and when the body of his fellow citizens shall require the walls of their cities to be strongly fortified And if anyone shall wish with avaricious greed to annul the large and turn it to his own use, let him know that he shall receive the meet reward of his tyranny with the accomplices of Judas, Christ's betrayer, unless he takes pains to make amends beforehand. The aforesaid estate is surrounded by these boundaries First from Streatford up along the green way to Fair Oak Along the way to Kitlegh upwards Along the army path to the army path on the north side of Lobirihtes gate from the army path north of Lobirihtes gate to the dike corner down on the land share to the two hamlets down along Dyhurstlake from the lake to the fallen oak from the fallen oak into Stickford from the ford along the army path from Wultrices dike corner from the dike corner along the hatch to Bridybeare lake at the gnarled stump from the gnarled stump along the hatch to the big maple tree along the hatch to the rough apple-tree; along the hatch to Cerne link army path along the army path to the hollow way along the dike south to the hollow lake along the lake up into the army path along the army path into Wheelford. Moreover this deed was written in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 1044 and in the 12th Indiction by advice and testimony of those whose name are to be found here below.

+ I Eadward King of the Angles have subscribed this bounty with the sign of the holy cross
+ I Eadsige archbishop of the church of Canterbury have subscribed and consented.
+ I Ælfric archbishop of the church of York
+ I Siward duke
+ I Godwine duke
+ I Leofric duke

+ I Ælfwine bishop	+ I Ælfstan abbot	I Osgod thane.
+ I Brihtwold bishop.	+ I Ælfwine abbot.	I Brihtric thane
+ I Lyfinog bishop	+ I Æthelward abbot.	I Ælfstan thane.
+ I Brihtwine bishop	+ I Ælfric abbot	I Ælfget thane.
+ I Alfwold bishop.	+ I Ælfwig abbot	I Siward thane.
+ I Dudoc bishop	+ I Æthelwi abbot	I Wulfnoth thane
+ I Eadlfred bishop	+ I Ælfwig abbot.	I Eeglaf than.



Ðy ir þæra · v · gyrda boc to
þyðe runc þe · eadgiro kincg
ge bocode · oger · hyt þegnne · inne · ofre runc
n c e g y

III.

Dis is gæra[illegible] v gyrda bœ to þydetune · þ[illegible] eadþerd kuneg geboecode oree hy[illegible] þegene [illegible] in to þydtune on eee yrfe.

III.

This is the deed of the [illegible] ordinands that King Edward bestowed thereby on Oro his thane in Wootton in perpetual inheritance.

IV.

ORC'S GUILD AT ABBOTSBURY.

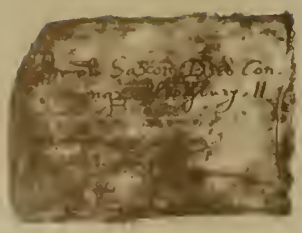
✠ HER cyð on þisum gebrite þ orcy hæfð gegyfen þæ gegyld healle ⁊ þone stole æt abbodesbyrig gode to lofe 7 sancte petre · ⁊ þam gyldscipe to agenne · on dæge ⁊ æfter dæge · hum ⁊ his gebbeddan to langsumum gemyndе · se ðe þis ærendan ryle hæbbe hum þiðgode gemæne on þam mycelan dome; Þonne syndon ðis þa forþord þe orcy ⁊ þa gegyldan æt abbodesbyrig geceosen haldaðgode to lofe 7 sancte petre to þæræfte; Þ is ærest ðrym mihton ær petres mæssan æt ælcem gegyldan æmne peninge · oððe an peningeþarð weaxes · loc hweðer mare weal sy into þam myntre · ⁊ on mæsse æfen æt þram gegyldum æmne bradne hlaf þell besæpen ⁊ þell gesyfted to urum gemænnu ælmyssan · ⁊ tlf þæcan ær petres mæssedæge sceotе ælc gegyldа æmne gyldsester fulne ehenes hwætes · 7 þe heo gehæst hunan þram dagum he þæs inganges þite þe syndon þry sestras hwætes ⁊ se þæðu heo gehæst hunan ðrym dagum æft ðam eorngesceote · æt ælcem riht gegyldan ane hwæðene gudes · ⁊ þa æt ðam ungyldan · oððe gylde æmne gyldsester eornes; And se ðe hryðene underfeðð · ⁊ þe geræme ne deð hwo he his inganges scyldig ⁊ þæt ne ben man gyfu · ⁊ se gyldа þe oðerne misgræt innan gylde on eornostne hige gebete he þe he his ingange þiðеalre geferræðene ⁊ syððan þiðþone man þe he mysgræte spa spa he hit findan mæge ⁊ gyf he ælc to hate gebugan · þolige he þære geferræðene ⁊ ælcre oðre gyldræðene And se ðe ma mænne inlæde Sonne he sceole hatan ðæs stiperes hæfe 7 ðæra feormera · gylde his ingang. And gyf ænigum on urum geferræðene his forðsiðð getide sceote ælc gegyldа æmne peninge æt þam lice for þære sæple · oððe gylde o . gegyldum · 7 gyf ure æniг geuntrumod sy hunan syxtig . . . n findon þe fiftýne menn þe hine gefreeon · 7 gif he forðfæren sy XXX. ⁊ þa hine gebringon to ðære stope þe he to gyrnde on his life ⁊ gif he on æræpyste forðfæren sy · þarnige man þone stiperd · to hpylcere stope þe lic seccle · ⁊ se stiperd þarnige syððan ða gegyldan spa fela spa he mæge mæst to geridan oððe to gesendan þ hi þæcto cumon ⁊ þ lic þæðlice hestandan 7 to myntre feran · ⁊ for ðære sæple geræne gebiddan þe hyð rihtlice geæpeden gyldræðene þe þe ðis don ⁊ hit geristð þe well ægðer ge for gode ge for þæræle forðan ðe þe nyton hpyle ure hraðost forðfæreð · þonne gelyfe þe þurh godes fultume þe us fremige callon þæs forþord geæpeden on ure · gif þe hit rihtlice healdаð; Ut on haddon ælmihtigne geræne mid inþeðre heortan þe he us miltsige ⁊ eac spa his halgan apostol sancte PETRE þe he us geþingage 7 urne þæt gerýme to eceræ reste forðan ðe þæ for his lufon þis gegyld geæðeredon he hæfð þone an weald on heofenum þe he mot hætan into heofonum þone þe he ðýle ⁊ forgirnan þam þe he ðýle spa spa crist sylf cwæð to him on his godspelle; Petrus ic hetæræ þe heofenan rices cæge · ⁊ spa hpæt spa ðu ðýlt habban gebunden ofer eorðan þe hyð gebunden on heofenum ⁊ spa hpæt spa ðu ðýlt habban unbunden ofer eorðan þe hyð unbunden on heofenum; I ton habban hylt 7 hopan to him þe he us hepite ú her on þæræle 7 æfter forðsiðe ure sæple gehelpe he us gebringe on eceræ reste. Amen.

IV.

ORC'S GUILD AT ABBOTSBURY.

✠ HERE is made known by this writing that Orcy has given the Guildhall and the place at Aldodsbury for the praise of God and St Peter, and for the guildship to own, now and henceforth, in long remembrance of himself and his consort. Whosoever shall avert this let him have to account with God at the great doom. Now these are the compacts that Orcy and the guild-brethren at Aldodsbury have adopted for the praise of God and honour of St Peter, and for their souls' need. That is first three nights before Peter's mass from every guild-brother one penny or one pennyworth of wax, lock now of which there be the more need for the monastery and on mass eve from every two guild-brethren, one broad loaf, well fermented and well winnowed for our common alms. And five weeks before Peter's mass day let every guild-brother contribute one gild-sester full of clean wheat, and let that supplied within two days, under penalty of the entrance fee, that is three sesters of wheat. And let the wood be supplied within three days after the corn contribution, from every regular guild-brother one burthen of wood and two from the irregular or let him pay one gild-sester of corn. And he who shall undertake a charge and do it not cheerfully shall be liable in his entrance fee and there shall be no gift. And the guild-brother who affronts another within the guild with irous intention, let him compensate with his entrance fee all the fellowship, and afterward the man whom he affronted, as he best can. And if he will not submit to a compensation, let him forfeit his fellowship and every other fraternity. And whoever shall introduce more men than he should without leave of the steward or the purveyors, let him forfeit his entrance fee, And if death befal anyone in our fellowship, let each guild-brother contribute one penny at the body for the soul or pay . . And if any of us be sick within sixty . . . . we shall find fifteen men, who may fetch him and if he be departed hence, thirty, and these shall bring him to the place which he desired in his life. And if he have departed in the neighbourhood, let notice be given to the steward to what place the body shall be borne and let the steward then give notice to as many of the guild brethren as he can rule or send to that they thereto come and honourably accompany the body and convey it to the monastery and fervently pray for the soul. It will be rightly called a guild-brotherhood if we do thus, and it be seen it well before God and the world, for we know not which of us may soonest go hence. Then let us believe that through God's support these compacts may profit us all if we rightly observe it. Let us fervently pray to God almighty with inward heart that he be merciful to us, and also his holy apostle St Peter that he intercede for us and open our way to everlasting rest, for we, for love of him, have gathered this guild he has that power in heaven that he can let into heaven whom he will and refuse those whom he will not, as Christ himself in his gospel, said to him, Peter, I commit to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou wilt have bound on earth that shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou wilt have unbound on earth, that shall be unbound in heaven. Let us have trust and hope in him, that he will ever preserve us here in the world and after our departure help our souls. May he bring us to everlasting rest. Amen.

Ðæt cyðan þurfon ge þæt þonc·y hæfð ge gyfen þæge gylo healle ⁊ þone scrud æt abbodes byrig godes to lofe ⁊ scē peter·⁊ þam
gylo scipe to aðunne·on þæge ⁊ æfter þæge him ⁊ hire ge beodan to langum gumum ge mynde·ge þe þir aþendan þyle hæbbe him
þiddode ge mæne on þam micclan dome; Þonne þyndon þir þa for þord þe onfeng ⁊ þa ge gyldan æt abbodes byrig ge cofen
habbad godes to lofe ⁊ scē peter to þurd mynde·⁊ heora þaþum to þrafe. Þir æþiose drym nihton æfter peter mæssan æt æl
con ge gyldan ænne penine·odde an þæninge þurd þeaxes loc hæfden mare neod fy in to þam mynstre·⁊ on mæsse æfter æt
þā ge gyldū ænne bradne hlaf pell·be seten ⁊ pell ge sufled to uþū ge mæðū ælmyssan·⁊ þis þucan æfter peter mæsse·odde scrote
ælc ge gylda ænne gylo sciðīn þæne clæne hræfe·⁊ þ beo ge lafe binnan þam dagum be hæfe ingangnesse·þ þyndon þry sceatas
hræfes·⁊ þe þu du beo ge lafe binnan þrym dagū æfter dam corn ge scrote·æt ælcon þihe ge gyldan ane bysdene þurf·⁊ þa æðā
un gyldan·odde gylde ænne gyldesciðīn corne; Ando sede bryðene unoðer feðd·⁊ þ ge creme ne oðð beo he hir ingangnesse reyloð·⁊
hæfe ne beo nan gyfu·⁊ se gylda þe oðene mis gniet innan gylde on cornoscne hige ge beet·i be hir ingange þiddealne ge fæhræðne
⁊ þyddan þiddone man se he myt gniet te sæ þa he hit findan mæge·⁊ gif he nele to bote ge bugan·þolige he þæne ge fæhræðne
⁊ alefe oðre gylo þæðene; Ando fede mamanna in lædde·þonne he scole bucon deðsiðnesse lædde·⁊ deðsia feorhmena·gylde
hir ingang; Ando ge ðæhwæðer on unum ge fenræðne hir fordðiðge ðe ðde scrote ælc ge gylda æðre þæninge æt þam lice for
þæne raple·odde gylden·⁊ odde gyldum·⁊ gif unre æðelingas ge unrepumod fy binnan fyrste ū þurfon þe gif
cyne mynn þ hine ge fecon·⁊ gif he ford faren fy·xxx·þa hine ge bringon to dæðe·scope þe he to cynnde on
hir life·⁊ gif he on neapysce ford faren fy·þæninge man þone scipend·to hyl cene·scope þ lic scrole·⁊ se sciphe
þæninge fyddan da ge gyldan spa fela spa he mæge mæst to ge þidan odde to ge sendan·s hi þæn to cumon·⁊ þ
lic þurd lice be standan ⁊ to mynstre cesian·⁊ for dæhe raple geornne ge biddan·þ byð þihtlice ge cweden gylo
þæðene þ þe duf don ⁊ hit ge þised þ pell cæðen ge for godes ge for þorolde for dande þe nyton hyle unre hra
dost ford fæhð·þon ge lyfe þe þurh godes culturme þ ur fremige cullon þæf for ford ge cweðen on æfter gif þe hit
þihtlice healdad ge gyldan ge ælmyhtigne geornne·and in þendore heora can þ he ure mynd fyrige·⁊ gif spa hir
halgan apostol sce petre þ he ur ge þingige ⁊ usine þeg ge nyme to ecene reste·ford an þe þon hir lufon þir ge
gylo ge gadeðodon he hafð þone an þeald on heofenū þ he mot læran ūre to heofenon þone þe he þyle ⁊ for
þinnan þam þe he nele·spa spa crist sylf cwæð to him on hir godspelle; Petrur ic be trece þe heofenan rices cæge.
⁊ spa hwæt spa du wylt habban ge bunden oðer eorðan þ byð ge bunden on heofenū·⁊ spa hwæt þa du wylt habban
un bunden oðer eorðan þ byð un bunden on heofenum; Uton habban hyht ⁊ hopan to him þ he ur be þite a
hen on þorulde·⁊ æfter ford ride unre sapla ge helpe·he ur ge bringe on ecene reste. Amen.



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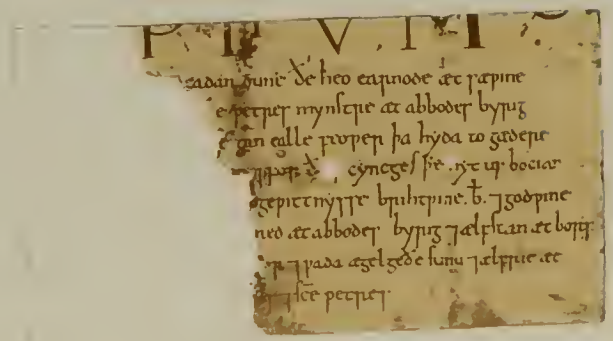
TOLE, ORC'S WIDOW. About A.D. 1045.

[illegible] cadan dune ðe heo carnode æt sæpine
[illegible] e petres mynstre æt abbodes býrig
[illegible] gan calle feoper þa hyda to gædere 7 for
ð [illegible] cynneges þe nyt us boemn gepitnysse
brihtpine biscep ⁊ godpine [illegible] æl æt abbodes býrig ⁊
ælfstan æt bors [illegible] e ⁊ þada ægelgeðe sunu 7
ælfric æt 7 saucte petres.

V.

TOLE, ORC'S WIDOW. About A.D. 1045.

[illegible] ed dun that she earned from ð win [illegible]
Peters Minster at Abbotsbury [illegible] all the four hides together
[illegible] and for [illegible] King's who gave us for our use
witness Brihtwine bishop and Godwine [illegible] ed at Abbotsbury and
Ælfstan at Bors [illegible] v and Wada Ægelgethes son and Ælfric at
[illegible] and St. Peter.



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gadan hunt de heo eapnode æt þæpine
e petper mynstre æt abbodes byrig
gan calle þrupesi þa hýda to gædere
, cynegesríe. ýr uy bociar
gepiet nýrre brihtpine. b. godpine
ned æt abbodes byrig ælfstan æt borig
þa þrada ægelgeðe sunu ælfpine æt
sce petres

HER MAJESTY'S RECORD OFFICE.

EADGAR AD 974

✠ REGNANTE imperpetuum domino nostro Iesu christo Omne quidem donationis decretum sub testimonio carraxaturæ commendandum est. Ne successura posteritatis prosapia in rapacitatis noraginem et ignorantiæ nebulam demergatur. Qua de re ego eadgar divina fauente gratia totius brittanniæ primatum regalis regiminis optimens quandam raris partem iuris mei dicione Subactam pro denoto famulatu libens perpetuali libertate tribuendo condono Elfhere · fideli meo ministro · iii mansas in loco qui mulgari appellatione nuncupatur. Nymed · ut habeat eos supradiximus in æternam hereditatem. Cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus Campis · pascuis · pratis. Sit uero predictum rus ab omni mundiali censu et regali Servitute expers nisi tantum expeditione pontis arcisue Constructione · Quisquis autem benivola ac fideli mente augendo hanc præclatiuam donationem amplificare Satagerit · augent amplificetque cuncti parens in hoc presenti Seculo uitam illius et cum suis omnibus prospera feliciter longitutnæ uitæ gaudia inueniat · Minuentibus uero atque iniuste frangentibus quod opto absit a fidelium mentibus fiat pars cum illis de quibus econtra fatur discedite a me maligni in ignem æternum nisi prius legali satisfactione emendauerint Istis terminibus predicta terra circumgyrata esse uidetur.

+ Dis is þæra þæora hida land gemere ærest nymed. Erest on copelanstan of Sæm stane west on herpoð on eisandune þonne þanon west on herpoð on readan lodan þonon on Sceghroces heafod þonon adune on sceghroc oð Seo lacu scyt west þanon ut on hæðfeld on scohteres heafod of þam scohtere adune on hane Sanon adune ⁊ lang streames oð rischroc scyt on nymed þanon east on rischroc on sciphroc þonne up on sciphroc Set eft on copelan stan.

Acta est autem hæc prefata donatio · DCCCCLXXIIII · dominicæ Incarnationis anno · Indictione ii

Huius doni testes exiterunt quorum hic nomina carraxantur.

+ Ego eadgar rex prefatam donationem confirmaui. Ego aelfryð regina consensi.
+ Ego dunstan dorobernensis archiepiscopus corroborani
+ Ego ospold eboracensis archiepiscopus consolidani.
+ Ego æðelpold episcopus consensi.
+ Ego aelfstan episcopus consensi.
+ Ego alfpold episcopus consensi.
+ Ego aelfstan episcopus consensi.
+ Ego cynepeard episcopus consensi
+ Ego aelfstan episcopus consensi
+ Ego eadelm episcopus consensi.
+ Ego episcopus consensi
+ Ego sideman episcopus consensi
+ Ego aðulf episcopus consensi.
+ Ego ðeodred episcopus consensi
+ Ego pulfsige episcopus consensi.

+ Ego aelfric abbas.
+ Ego æscpig abbas
+ Ego osgar abbas
+ Ego æðelgar abbas.
+ Ego aelfnoð abbas.
+ Ego sigar abbas
+ Ego aelfhch abbas.
+ Ego byrhtch abbas
+ Ego godpine abbas
+ Ego leofric abbas.
+ Ego æðelsige abbas.
+ Ego osperd abbas

+ Ego aelfhere dux
+ Ego æðelpine dux.
+ Ego byrhtnoð dux.
+ Ego oslac dux
+ Ego aelfperd minister
+ Ego æðelperd minister.
+ Ego eanulf minister.
+ Ego aelfsige minister.
+ Ego æðelmær minister.
+ Ego leofpine minister.
+ Ego æðelperd minister.
+ Ego pulfstan minister
+ Ego byrhtmer minister
+ Ego æðelsige minister

EADGAR. AD 974

✠ OUR Lord Jesus Christ reigneth for ever It is advisable that every deed of gift be made under the testimony of writing lest the succession of posterity be swallowed in the whirlpool of rapine and the cloud of ignorance Therefore I, Eadgar, having by Divine Grace obtained the pre-eminence of royal rule over all Britain being willing to endow with perpetual freedom a certain part of the country under my jurisdiction do in reward of his devoted service grant unto Elfhere my faithful thane three pieces of ground in the place which is called in common parlance Nymed that he may hold it, as we have above said in perpetual inheritance with all fields, woods, and meadows thereunto of right appertaining. Moreover the aforesaid land is to be free from all secular tribute and royal service except the ordinary army service and the building of bridges or castles Whosoever therefore moved to a benevolent and sincere disposition shall trouble himself in amplifying this aforesaid grant, may the Parent of All increase and amplify his life in the present world and may he and all his family happily experience the unbounded joys of that everlasting one to come But may they who shall diminish or unjustly violate the same, which God forbid, should enter into the minds of the faithful, make part with those of whom on the other hand it is said depart from me ye wicked into everlasting fire unless they shall have made lawful satisfaction beforehand This aforesaid land appears to be enclosed also in by the following bounds

The first the bounds of the three hides at Nymed First to Copelan stone, from that stone westwards on to the high road at Eisandune then therefrom westward to the high road at Red Flood, therefrom to Sedgebrook's head, therefrom down to Sedgebrook where the lake turns west therefrom out to Hathfield at the gutter head, from the gutter down to Hane, therefrom adown along stream to where Rushbrook strikes on Nymed therefrom eastward to Rushbrook at Shipbrook, then up Shipbrook and so back to Copelan stone

Moreover, the aforesaid grant was made in the year of the Incarnation of our Lord DCCCCLXXIIII In the second Indiction These are the witnesses of this grant whose names are here written

+ I. Eadgar, King, have confirmed the aforesaid grant I, Elfthryth Queen have consented
+ I. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury have corroborated it
+ I Oswald, Archbishop of York have consolidated it
+ I Athelwold Bishop have consented
+ I. Elfstan Bishop have consented
+ I Alfwold, Bishop have consented
+ I Elfstan, Bishop have consented
+ I Cynewerd, Bishop have consented
+ I Elfstan Bishop have consented
+ I, Eadelm, Bishop have consented.
+ I Bishop, have consented
+ I, Sideman, Bishop have consented
+ I Athulf Bishop have consented
+ I, Theodred Bishop have consented.
+ I Wulfsige Bishop have consented

+ I Elfric Abbot
+ I Ecewig Abbot
+ I Osgar, Abbot
+ I Ethelgar, Abbot
+ I. Elfnoth Abbot.
+ I, Sigar, Abbot
+ I Elfhch, Abbot.
+ I Byrhtch, Abbot
+ I, Goswine, Abbot
+ I Leofric, Abbot
+ I Ethelsige, Abbot.
+ I, Osward Abbot

+ I Elfhere Duke
+ I Ethelwine Duke
+ I, Byrhtnoth Duke
+ I, Oslac Duke
+ I Elfward Thane
+ I Ethelwerd Thane
+ I, Eanulf Thane
+ I, Elfsige Thane.
+ I, Ethelmer Thane
+ I Leofwine Thane
+ I, Ethelwerd Thane
+ I, Wulfstan Thane
+ I Byrhtmer Thane
+ I Ethelsige Thane

✠ Regnante in perpetuum domino nostro Iesu Xpo. Omne quodlibet donationis decretum subtestimonio continuaxatum ne commutandum est. Ne successuris posteritatis speculum in paucorum uniuersitatis ignorantiae nebulam obscuretur. Quapropter ego eadgar, diuina, fauente gratia, totius britannie primatum pietatis piissimus optantes quandam partem rurus mei dicione subiectam, peculiari famulatu libere perpetuali libertate tributisque condono. Alphere, proceri meo ministro, III. mansas in loco qui uulgari appellatione nuncupatur, Nymed. ut habeat ceu superiaciens in aeternam hereditatem. Cum omnibus rebus pertinentibus. Campis. pascuis. pratis. Sic usque predictum rus omni mundiali censu exterritali. Seruiturus Xpo nisi tantum expeditione pontis aut arcis constructione. Quisquis autem bituola ac proceri mutare autemque hanc praelatam donationem amplificare satagerit. augeat amplificetque cuncta pariter in hoc perfecta. Sed ut cum illius secum suis omnibus prosperitas felicitas, longitudinem uitae gaudia inuitiat. Ministratibus usque atque iniuste praetentibus quod opto absit aeternum mutatus prae pars cum illis de quibus recentia aperuit. discedere ame- maligni interitum aeternum. nisi prius legali satis pacione emendauerint. Istis temporibus predicta. terra circumgyrata esse uidetur.

✠ Desir hepu hraepa leda landgeriae eryned. ofer oncepdanfean ondem feane pescenlepod onersandune hēn hiron post onlepod onpradin pledun hrum on Sregtpoep hapod hōnum adune onsegtpor ad Sadacu syrepor hanon inmhedpeld onsebrepp hapod opham sudrige adune onbane dinon adune plangsepamp. ad pipelnoc syrennymed hanon aef onpselnoc onsipbroc hēn up onsipbroc dapper oncopdan sman

Acta. est autem haec. tempore. donatio. DCCCC LXXIIII. dominicae Incarnationis anno. Indictione. II.

Huius doni testes extitisse quorum hic nomina. capitulatim.

✠	Ego	eadgar	rex	perfecta	donationem	confirmauit.		Ego	alpdryd	regina	consensi.
✠	Ego	dunstan	episcopus	archiepis	confoborauit.			✠ Ego	alphere	dux	
✠	Ego	oswold	episcopus	archiepis	consolidauit.			✠ Ego	aedelwine	dux	
✠	Ego	adelwold	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	alfric	abb.	✠ Ego	byrhtnod	dux	
✠	Ego	alfstan	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	[illegible]	abb.	✠ Ego	oslac	dux	
✠	Ego	alfwold	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	osgar	abb.	✠ Ego	alfrith	mins	
✠	Ego	alfstan	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	aedelgar	abb.	✠ Ego	aedelrith	mins	
✠	Ego	cynsith	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	alfnod	abb.	✠ Ego	eanulf	mins	
✠	Ego	alfstan	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	sigar	abb.	✠ Ego	alfsige	mins	
✠	Ego	eadelm	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	alfheh	abb.	✠ Ego	aedelmar	mins	
✠	Ego		epis	cons.	✠ Ego	byrhtreh	abb.	✠ Ego	leofrine	mins	
✠	Ego	siroman	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	goofrine	abb.	✠ Ego	aedelrith	mins	
✠	Ego	adulf	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	leofric	abb.	✠ Ego	pulfstan	mins	
✠	Ego	deodred	epis	cons.	✠ Ego	aedelsige	abb.	✠ Ego	byrhtmar	mins	
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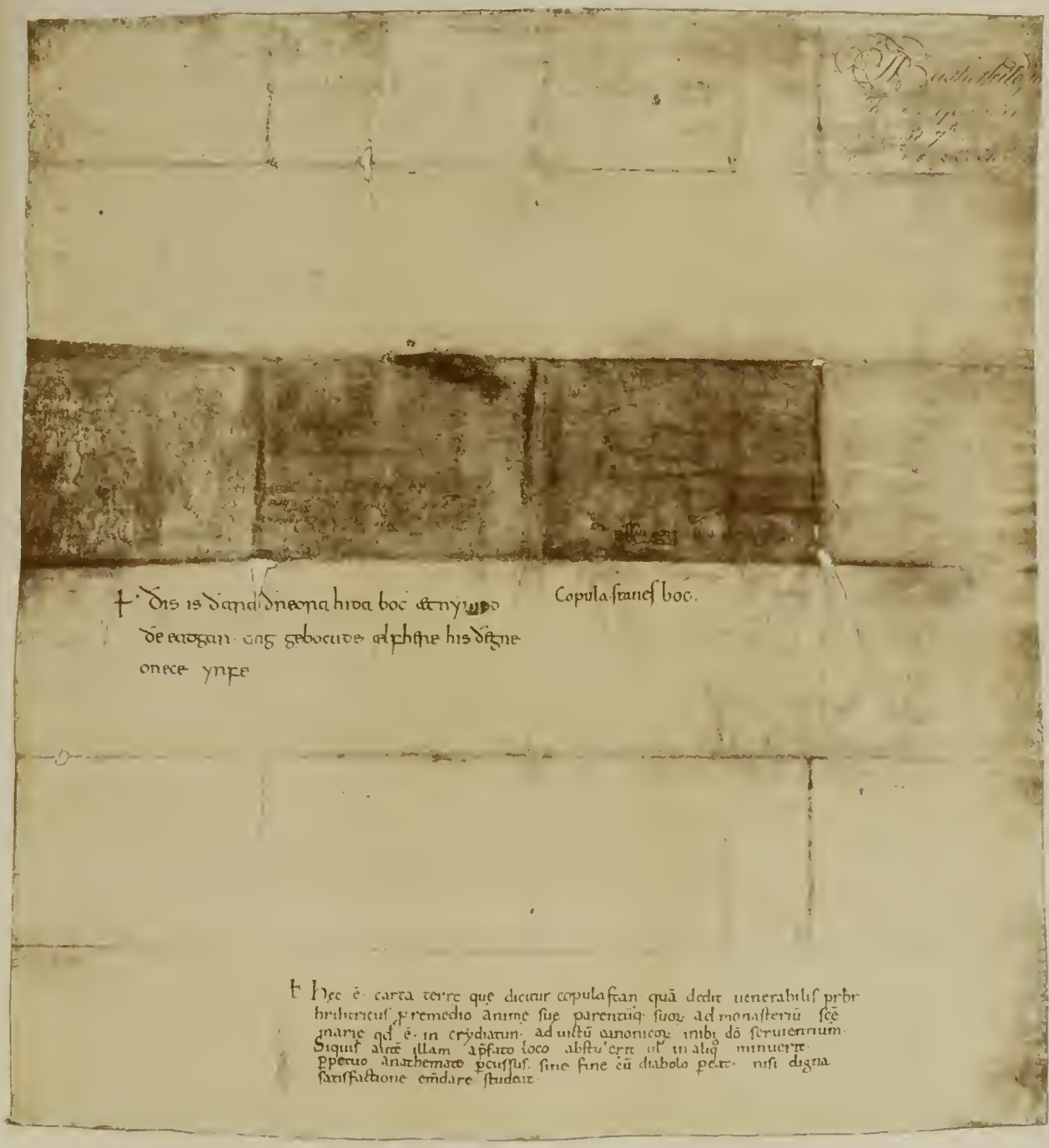

Copula franes boc.

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✠ Hæc est carta terræ quæ dicitur copulastan quam dedit venerabilis presbyter Ieldtricus pro remedio animæ suæ parentumque suorum ad monasterium sanctæ Mariæ quod est in Cryclatun ad victum canonicorum inibi deo servientium Siquis autem illam a prefato loco abstulerit vel in aliquo minuerit perpetuo anathemate percussus sine fine cum diabolo pereat nisi digna satisfactione emendare studeat

The charter is entitled below

Copastan hoc

This is the deed of the thing called at Symel, which King Edgar bestowed upon Aldhere his Thane in perpetual inheritance

This is the charter of the land which is called Copulastan which the reverend priest Eldtrig gave for the benefit of his soul and the soul of his parent to the Monastery of Saint Mary which is in Cryclatun for the maintenance of the monks serving God there. If anyone therefore shall take it away from this place and place it in anywise diminish it may he be stricken with a perpetual curse and perish eternally with the Devil unless he strive by due reparation to make atonement

I.

EADWARD A.D. 900

✠ OMNIPOTENTIA diuine maiestatis ubique presidente · et sine fine cuncta gubernante, EGO EADVVEARDUS ipso largiente rex Anglorum cunctis gentis nostre fidelibus innotesco quod pro salute anime meae quendam fundum quem indigene · myceldefer appellant centum cassatorum quantitatem continentem benigne confero monasterio Sancte trinitatis, quod meridiana situm est ciuitate Nouumque appellatur; Huic autem libertati fautores et consiliarii mei fuerunt duces · et magnates, qui me ad hanc largitatem incitauerunt. Qui etiam omnes unanimiter constituerunt ut donatio ista firma in æternum permaneat. Neque a quolibet seu superiore uel inferiore commutetur. Et quisquis uiolare presumpserit excommunicetur a societate dei et sanctorum eius. Proinde sit terra predicta ab omni seruitio mundana semper libera, exceptis tribus causis · hoc est expeditione et pontis arcisue constructione; Limites autem que et superdictam pertinent terram subsequens manifestat stilus anglicus, hoc modo: Ðis syndon þa land gemæra to myceldefer · ærest on hafoc hlinc þonne spa 7 lang herpaðes on ecgulfes treop · þonne 7 lang herpaðes oð myceldefer · þonne 7 lang myceldefer · ðonne of myceldefer to ðam pole · þonne of ðam pole to nesanbyrig · þonne of nesanbyrig to pæter hlince · þonne of pæter hlince to stapolaðorne · þonne of stapolaðorne to horgan pege · ðonne of horgan pege · to forsædan pylle · ðonne of forsædan pylle to ðyddanþorne · ðonne of ðyddanþorne to tettangrafe · þonne of tettangrafe to ceortesbeorge · þonne of ceortesbeorge to clæra flode · þonne of clæra flode 7 lang stræte on herpesham · þonne of herpesham to linleage · ðonne of linleage to bulloces sole · ðonne of bulloces sole to ticcesham · þonne ofer ðone feld to bearcelea · þonne of bearcelea forð on æplea þonne of æplea spa forð on heanhangran · þonne ofer ðone feld on kendefer · þonne 7 lang kendefer on duddandune · þonne 7 lang streames to brocenanbeorge Of brocenanbeorge innan ða rode on beagalea. Of ðære rode on middepeardan peard hangran. Of peard hangran spa forð on papanholt suðepeardne þonne on ðæt gemot hus þonne ofer rupandune, þa eft on hafoc hline; Ðis syndon ða land gemæra to cramburnan; Ærest on myceldeferes stream fornangean ðone cyricstede on pynsiges tune. 7 lang streames on paddan ige · of paddan ige 7 lang streames on ðone blacan pol. Of ðam blacan pole · on hpelpes dell · of hpelpes delle on ðone burnan of ðam burnan norð 7 lang peges on tuccinge peg · of tuccinge pege · 7 lang peges on greatan dic of greatan dic on rupan beorh of rupan beorge þurð þone pada on ceale grafan 7 lang paðes on frigedæg · of frigedæge on horpeges norðende of horpeges norðende 7 lang peges eastpeard on ðone smalan pæð. Of ðam smalan pæðe ut ðurh ceale grafas on ðone readan pyll of ðam readan pylle 7 lang ðær innan greatan dic on þæt smale dell · of ðam smalan delle ut to lytlan dune on ðæs hundes hylle · of ðæs hundes hylle 7 lang peges on crammere of crammere 7 lang peges on nanes mannes land of nanes mannes lande 7 lang peges eft innan myceldefer · Ðis syndon þa land gemæra to cuðredes briegce. Ærest of ðam readan clife in to bicanforda 7 lang peges to pinterburnan · of pinterburnan on ða fearnigan hylle · of ðære fearnigan hylle ut on mattuces feld · of mattuces felda up to ðam garan on þæt tpyslede treop · of ðam tpysledan treope to ðam more · and ofer þone mor be eastan ðan more, on brom burnan · 7 lang brom burnan to syleforda · of syleforda eft to bicanforda; Ðis syndon ða land gemæra to deorleage. Ærest on cysleburnan innan hamele · þær cysleburnan ærest ingæð · up 7 lang cysleburnan to pifeles stigele · of pifeles stigele on þæt read leafe treop. Of ðam read leafan treope on ðone ealdan stocc · of ðam stocce be pestan burnan on þone grenan peg · of ðam grenan pege 7 lang ðæs smalan paðes to cnoll gete Of cnoll gete on þæt hpite treop. Of þam hpitan treope on ðæt norðhealde treop · of ðam norðhealdan treope · to cuntan heale · of cuntan heale on ðone lytlan pyll · of ðam lytlan pylle forð ofer beorh holt on ða langan byrce · of ðære langan byrce innan pohburnan · 7 lang pohburnan to stapol forda · up of stapol forda to apelpican · of apelpican into ðam holan more 7 lang ðæs holan mores innan hamele 7 lang hamele þær cysleburnan gæð in to hamele; Ðis syndon ða land gemæra torgeleage. Ærest on seaxca seað · of seaxe seaðe on þone holan æsc of ðam holan æsce on trindeleage · of trindeleage on fæsten æc of fæsten æc on eadulfes hamm of eadulfes hamme on ða readan dic · of ðære readan dic on þa leage · of ðære leage on bær heal · of bær heale on tæppeleage · of tæppeleage eft on seaxe seað IN NOMINE IHESU CHRISTI · Ðis syndon ðara syx hida land gemæra æt kendefer · Primitus · fram ðære burn stope · to ðam stan cistele · Ac deinde · on ðone greatan þorn · Indeque · on bicanhyrste to pada Sic deinceps · to rupan beorge · Hincque · to ðam pidan herpaðe · Sicque promtim · to heofan stane to norð sceate to pada · 7 ðurh ðone pada innon pidan dæll middepeard · Ex hoc ut ðurh tigelhangran · Et de post · ut ðurh trindlea · spa 7 lang ðæs smalan peges to hnegan oran on ða micelan dic · Sic denique 7 lang dune on pest healfe to ðære burn stope ðe pe ær on fruman nemdan, 7 ða seofan hida æt porðige hyrað to ðam hund hidan to myceldefer eall spa ða land gemæra lit on butan belicgeað · 7 an per on yccnan 7 healf þæt hpite clif 7 seo syðemyste mylen on pintceastre binnan pealle; ... a est igitur hec regalis institutio in pago qui dicitur hamtun · ANNO dominice Incarnationis · DCCCC · Indictione ... testimonio et auctoritate gentis Nostrae principum quorum uocabulo hic cernuntur

. . . . . eard rex.
. . . mund biscop
. . . peard filius regis.
. . . ulf biscop.
. . . erð biscop.
+ Ego pulfsige biscop
+ Ego asser biscop.
+ Ego pighelm biscop.
+ Ego ceolmund biscop.
+ Ego eadgar biscop.
+ Ego pimund biscop.
+ Ego beornelm abbas

+ pihtbrord minister.
+ deormod minister.
+ beorhtsic minister
+ Occa minister
+ æðelstan minister.
+ pulthelm minister
+ Alla minister.
+ beornstan minister
+ pulfhelm minister.
+ beornstan minister.
+ tata minister
+ pulfred minister.

+ æðelstan minister
+ beorhtulf presbyter.
+ beornulf diaconus.
+ ealstan diaconus.
+ eadulf.
+ ælfstan.
+ æðelstan
+ pighelm.
+ pulfstan.
+ pulfric.
+ ealhstan.
+ pynsige.

+ . . . . . .
+ pulfhelm.
+ pulfsige.

I.

EADWARD A.D. 900

✠ THE omnipotence of the Divine Majesty everywhere presiding and ruling over all things without end I Eadward by His permission King of the Angles make known to all the faithful of our people, that for the health of my soul, I benignly bestow a certain estate of a hundred cassates, which the inhabitants call Micheldever, upon the Monastery of the Holy Trinity which is situated in the City of Winchester and is called the New. To this grant, moreover the Dukes and Magnates who incited me to this bounty were my promoters and counsellors who also all unanimously ordered that this grant should remain firm for ever that it should neither be changed by any one high or low and that whoever should presume to violate it should be excommunicated from the fellowship of God and His Saints. Moreover let the aforesaid land be always free of all earthly service except the three causes, army expedition and the building of bridge or castle. The following English style sets out the boundaries which belong to the aforesaid land, in this manner. These are the land boundaries at Micheldever first, to Hawklynch and so along the highway to Ecgulf's tree then along the highway as far as Micheldever then along Micheldever then from Micheldever to the pool, then from the pool to Nesanbury then from Nesanbury to Waterlynch then from Waterlynch to Stapelthorn then from Stapelthorn to the muddy way then from the muddy way to the foresaid pool then from the foresaid pool to Thyddanthorn, then from Thyddanthorn to Tetgrave then from Tetgrave to Certesborough, then from Certesborough to Clearflood then from Clearflood along the street to Herwysham then from Herwysham to Linley then from Linley to the bullock's sole, then from the bullock's sole to Tykkysham, then over the field to Berkeley then from Berkeley onward to Epley then from Epley onward to Heanhanger then over the field to Candover, then along Candover to Duddown then along the stream to Brokenborough, from Brokenborough within the rode at Beagley from the rode toward the middle of Weardhanger from Weardhanger to Papanholt southwards thence to the moothouse then over Rowdown and thence again to Hawklynch. These are the land-boundaries at Crambourne. First to the stream of Micheldever opposite the church place at Wynsige's home toad along the stream to Waddaney, from Waddaney along the stream to the black pool, from the black pool to Whelp's dell; from Whelp's dell to the bourn from the bourn northwards along the way to Tukkingway from Tukkingway along the way to the great dike from the great dike to Rowbury from Rowbury through the wood to Chalk grove along the path to Friday, from Friday to Horway's northend, from Horway's northend eastwards along the way to the small path, from the small path out through Chalk grove to the red pool, from the red pool along the foreway within the great dike to the small dell from the small dell up to the little down on the hound's hill from the hound's hill along the way to Crammere from Crammere along the way to No Man's Land from No Man's Land along the way again into Micheldever. These are the boundaries of Cuthred's ridge. First from the red cliff into Bickneford, along the way to Winterbourne, from Winterbourne to the ferny hill from the ferny hill out to Mattock field, from Mattocksfield up to the gore at the twisted tree from the twisted tree to the moor, and over the moor east the moor to Broombourne along Broombourne to Sylford from Sylford again to Bickneford. These are the land boundaries of Durley. First to Chislebourne within Hamble where Chislebourne first goeth in, up along Chislebourne to Wyfel's stile from Wyfel's stile to the red leafed tree from the red leafed tree to the old stock from the stock west the bourn to the green way from the green way along the small path to Knollgate from Knollgate to the white tree; from the white tree to the north leaning tree from the north leaning tree to Cuntanheale, from Cuntanheale to the little pool from the little pool straight across Berehold to the long birch tree; from the long birch tree within Wohbourne, along Wohbourne to Stapleford up from Stapleford to Apelwick from Apelwick to the hollow moor along the hollow moor within the Hamble and along the Hamble to where Chislebourne goeth into Hamble. These are the land boundaries at Thorley First to Sword well from Sword well to the hollow ash from the hollow ash to Trindley from Trindley to Fast oak from Fast oak to Ethelwulf's home from Ethelwulf's home to the red dike from the red dike to the lea from the lea to Barehill, from Barehill to Tapley, from Tapley again to Sword well. In the name of Jesus Christ. These are the boundaries of the six hides at Candover. First from the burnstowe to the stone chest and then to the great thorn thence to Bickhurst to the wood, and so thence forth to Rowbury and from thence to the wide highway and thence straight to the rocking stone in the north corner of the wood and through the wood within the wide dell midward; thence out through Tilehanger and afterwards out through Trindley, and so along the small way to Buckhorn at the great dike, and thence in line along the western side of the down to the burn stowe that we first at the beginning named, and the seven hides at Worthy belong to the hundred hides at Micheldever, as the boundaries lie by it round about and one weir on Itchen and half the white cliff and the last mill at Winchester within the walls.

This Royal Act was ... in the fortified place which is called Hampton in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 900. Indiction ... testimony and authority of the Princes of our people whose names are here seen.

. . . ard King.
. . . mund bishop
. . . ard the King's son
. . . ulf bishop
. . . erth bishop
+ I Wulfsige bishop
+ I Asser bishop
+ I Wighelm bishop
+ I Ceolmund bishop
+ I Eadgar bishop
+ I Wimund
+ I Beornelm abbot.

+ Wihtbrord thane
+ Deormod thane
+ Beorhtsic thane
+ Occa thane
+ Ethelstan thane
+ Wulfhelm thane.
+ Alla thane
+ Beornstan thane
+ Wulfhelm thane.
+ Beornstan thane
+ Tata thane
+ Wulfred thane

+ Ethelstan thane
+ Beorhtulf priest
+ Beornulf deacon
+ Ealhstan deacon
+ Eadulf
+ Elfstan
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+ Wighelm
+ Wulfstan
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+ Ealhstan
+ Wynsige.

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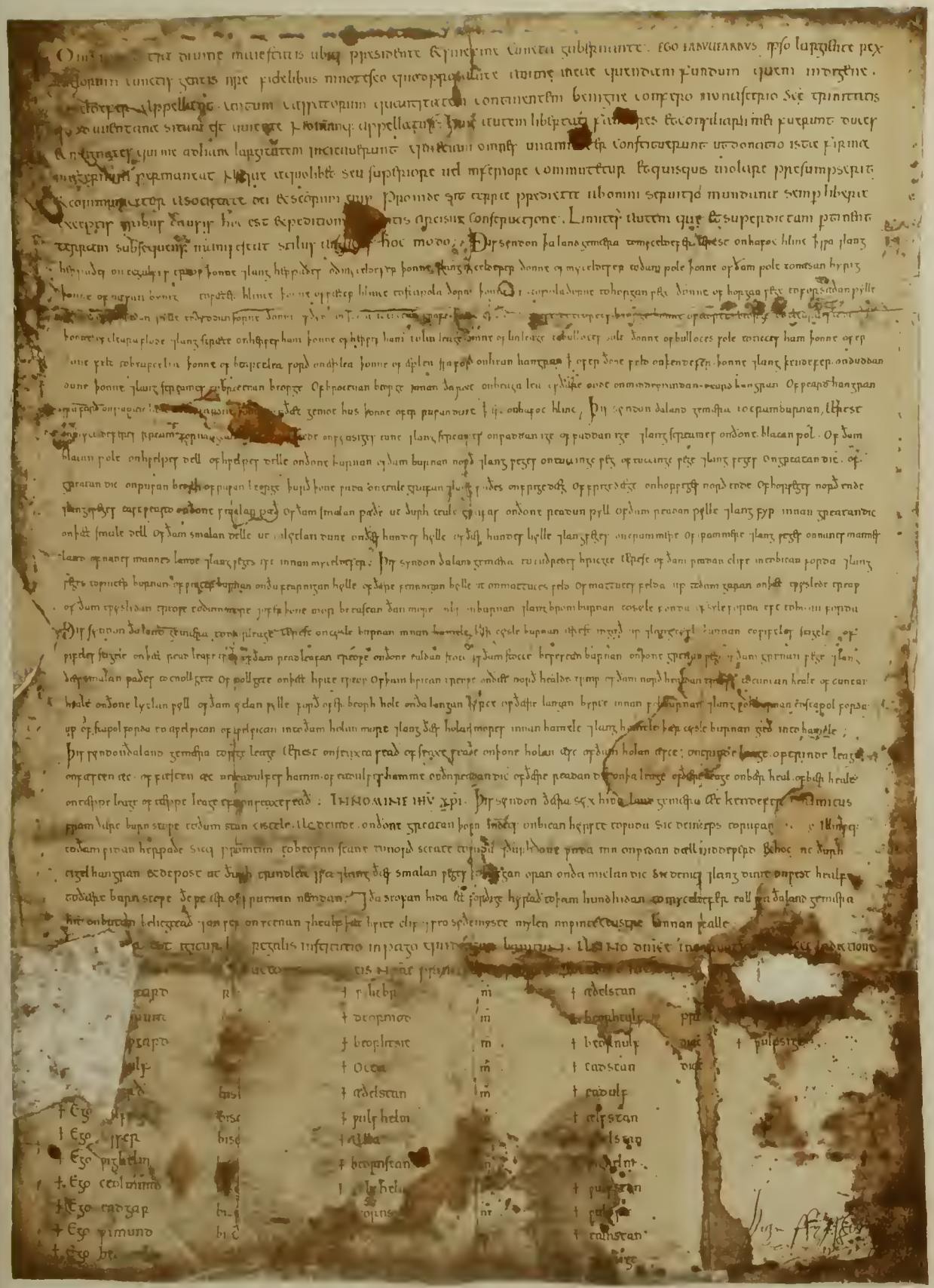

I.

Prerogatiua regis Edwardi primi de Mucheldeuera.

Mucheldeuer anno Regis Edwardi primi [illegible]

Eadmundus fundator istius loci

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Ceseldene [illegible] cassatorum
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I

The privilege of King Edward the First of Micheldever

Micheldever. First year of King Edward the First

Edward the Founder of this place

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II.

ÆTHELSTAN A.D 925.

✠ IN nomine domini familia monasterii Sancti saluatoris in uuintania ciuitate ubi corpora gloriosorum regum aelfredi et eadmundi sepulta quiescunt Cum consensu ac deuotione æNelstani angelsaxonum omnumque gloriosissimi regi aelfredo ministro suo commodando commodant · XX · cassatos in loco qui dicitur cyseldene et ipse aelfred dedit præfate familiae octoginta mancusos auri obrizi Etsim et ea conditione ut omni anno die obitus eadmundi gloriosissimi regis ad monasterium præfatum adferat octuaginta solidos ex meris denarius Maneat autem ista praedicta terra aelfredo et suis heredibus absque ulla commodatione quamdiu hoc ceremonia die praenominato adimpleatur Et si quislibet ex suis heredibus praedicto die censuna non reddet emendet cum sexaguata denarius insuper et censum reddat Si iterum dies praenominatus neglegatur emendet cum XXX solidos insuper et censum solvat Si autem tertio neglexerit sciat se terram amissurum. Nisi cum satisfactione et pecunia placabili familia praedicti monasterii Sancti saluatoris iterum adquirat

+ æNelstan rex + eadmunne cliton + ieuall sacerdos + ufa + paltere + Gundlaf + Hildewine + Dulfstan + eadulf + wigferð diaconus + eadhelm diaconus + dupliter + eadlaf + eodnoð + healured + eadulf + eadmund + æNelstan + eadnoð + aelfheah + eynulf + pulfhun + petrus + heorstan + aepelferð + aelfred + æNelsige + æNered + heorhtsige + pulfgar + æpelpold + aelfpold + pulfnoð + aelfsige + pulfhelm

+ æNelferð minister + aelfred minister + aelstan minister + aelfheah minister + aelfstan minister + ælfric minister + aelfsige minister + ælfstan minister + pynsige minister + hun minister + aelfhere minister + aelfric minister + pulfred + aelfhere + eodsige + æNelpold + eola + aelfpine + oridhelm + eadmuold + æNered + aelfric + aelfred + byrhtferð + heorhtsige + ufa + osmulf + ælfsige + æseulf + ælfric + aelfheah + æNelwold minister + aelfstan minister + æNeric minister + aelfgar minister + pulfnoð + pulfsige minister + aelfric + æNelstan minister + ælfric minister + eodstan minister + ælfred minister + aelfric minister + æNered minister + eadpold + eaddulf + heorhtnoð + pulfnoð minister

Composicio facta per licenciam Athelstani Regis de Cheseldene

II

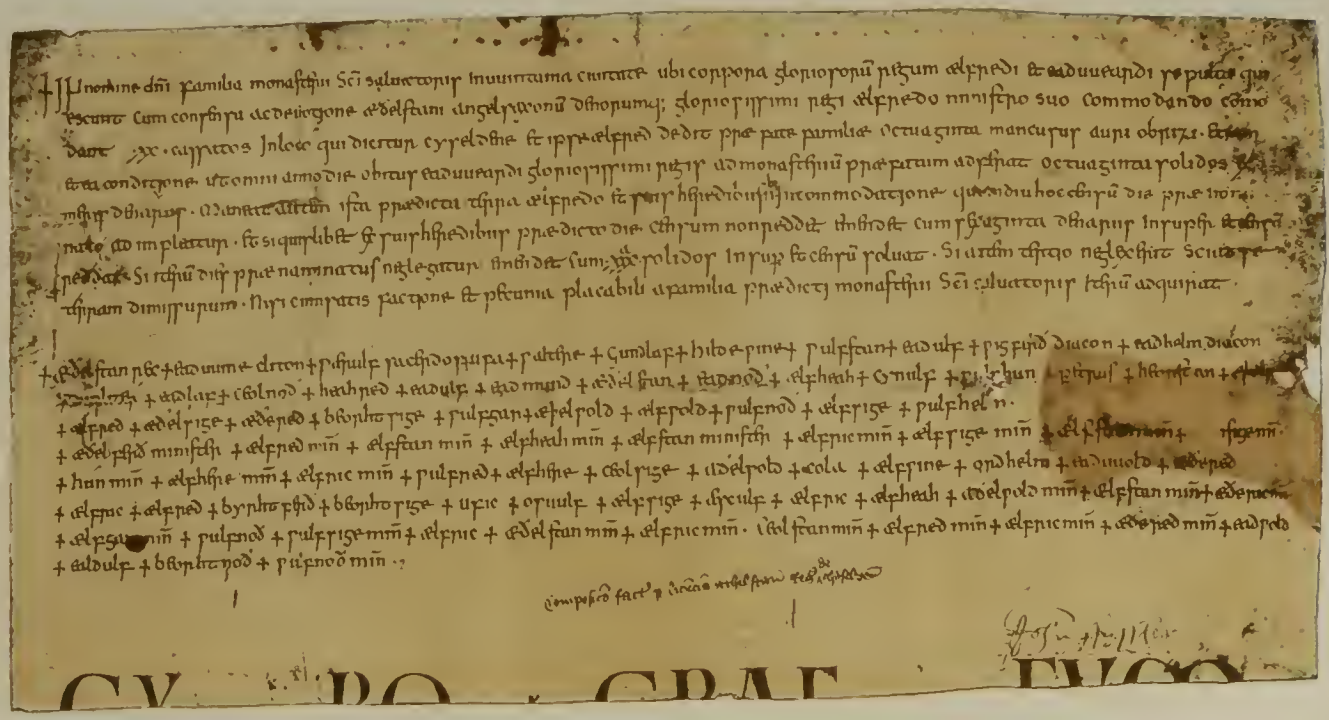
ÆTHELSTAN A.D 925.

✠ IN the name of the Lord The Brethren of the Monastery of the Holy Saviour in the City of Winchester where the bodies of the glorious Kings Alfred and Edmund are buried with the saints and through the devotion of Athelstan the most glorious King of the Anglo-Saxons and Dane Lend on loan to their thane Alfred 20 cassates in the place that is called Cheseldene and he the same Alfred has given to the aforesaid brethren eighty mancuses of refined gold with this condition moreover that every year on the day of the death of the most glorious King Edmund he shall bring to the aforesaid monastery eighty shillings of pure money May this aforesaid land remain unimpaired to Alfred and his heirs without any obligation so long as the said payment is kept up And if any one of his heirs should not pay on the aforesaid day he shall make amend with 60 pence over and above the sum to be returned If the said day be again neglected he shall make amends with 30s over and above the sum to be returned And if he neglect it a third time let him know that he will be dispossessed from the land unless he again acquire it from the aforesaid brethren of the monastery of the Holy Saviour by a satisfactory and propitiatory payment

+ Athelstan King + Edmund Atheling + Wordull Priest + Ufa + Wulfric + Gundlaf + Hildewine + Wulfstan + Eadulf + Wigferth deacon + Eadhelm deacon + Duplicter + Eadlaf + Eodnoth + Healured + Eadulf + Edmund + Athelfrith + Eadmund + Aelfheah + Cynulf + Wulfhun + Peter + Heorstan + Athelbeath + Alfred + Athelsige + Ethered + Beorhtsige + Wulfgar + Athelwold + Aelfwold + Wulfnoth + Aelfsige + Wulfhelm

+ Athelferth thane + Aelfric thane + Aelfstan thane + Aelfheah thane + Elfstan thane + Aelfric thane + Elfsige thane + Elfstan thane + Wynsige thane + Hun thane + Elfhere thane + Aelfric thane + Wulfred + Eadhere + Eodsige + Athelwold + Eola + Elfwine + Oidhelm + Eadwold + Ethered + Aelfric + Alfred + Byrhtferth + Beorhtsige + Ufa + Osmulf + Aelfsige + Escwulf + Aelfric + Aelfheah + Athelwold thane + Elfgar thane + Aelfgar thane + Wulfnoth + Wulfsige thane + Elfric + Athelstan thane + Elfric thane + Eodstan thane + Elfred thane + Elfric thane + Ethered thane + Eadwold + Eaddulf + Beorhtnoth + Wulfnoth thane

A composition made by licence of King Athelstan concerning Cheseldene



In nomine dni familia monasterii Sci Salvatoris Inuuintrania ecclesie ubi corpora gloriosorum regum elfredi et eadweardi requiescunt cum consilio ac deuotione adelstani angelsaxonum episcopi gloriosissimi regis elfredo ministerio suo commodando commodare .xx. cassatos Inlocc qui dicitur cyneldune et ipse elfred dedit pro parte familie octuaginta mancusos auri obrizi. Et in ea conditione ut omni anno die obitus eadweardi gloriosissimi regis ad monasterium pro parentum adsistat octuaginta solidos ministri dominus. Manente autem ista predicta terra elfredo et suis heredibus in commodatione quamdiu hoc ecclesiae die prae iuratum fecerit. Si quis libet et suis heredibus predicto die ecclesiam non reddit tunc debet cum sexaginta denariis inrupsit ecclesiae predicta. Si ecclesiae ministrum negligentius tunc debet cum .xx. solidos in rus et ecclesiae soluat. Si autem ecclesiae negligentia ecclesiae dimissum. Nisi emendatis pactione et pecunia placabili familia predicti monasterii Sci Salvatoris ecclesiam adquirat.

+ adelstan episc + eadwuine diacon + wihulf presbyter + aethelhere + gundlaf + hildebrine + wulfstan + eadulf + wigfrid diacon + eadhelm diacon + eadlaf + eadlaf + eadnod + heahred + eadulf + eadmund + adelstan + eadnod + elfheah + wulf + [illegible] + wigfus + hemele an + [illegible] + elfred + adelrice + aedered + brihtorice + wulfgar + aethelwold + elfwold + wulfnod + elfrice + wulfhel n.
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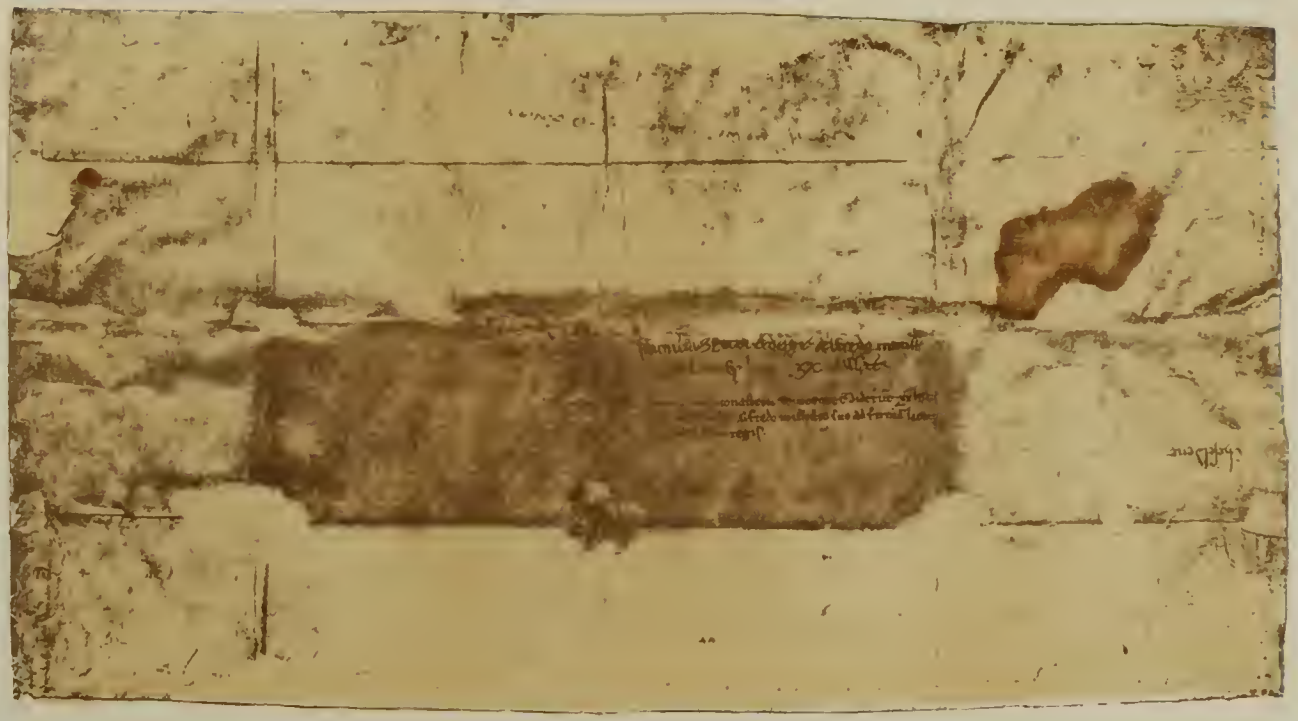

II.

Familia S. Petri Wincestre ælfredo ministro cyseldenes læn xx cassatos.

Clerici novi monasterii Wintonia tradiderunt xx hidas de Chiseldene cuidam ælfredo ministro suo ad firmam licentia adthelstani regis.

Cheseldene

II.

The brotherhood of S. Peter's Winchester loan to thane Ælfred 20 cassates at Cheseldene

The clerks of the New Minster in Winchester have delivered over 20 hides of Chiseldene to a certain Ælfred their thane to farm with the leave of King Æthelstan.

Cheseldene

EADMUND. A.D. 940.

✠ IN nomine dei et altissimi ihesu christi · Regna regum ab alto regente · Cuius nutu creata cuncta in principio formata · Presentisque uite tractu pollentes. Licet primi protoplasti facinore uiolata inprobis successionibus deterioranda istic degentibus uilescerent · Tamen pii Conditoris arbitrio constat illiusque miseratione nobis inceritibus in infimis ad antrapon salutem concessit duo inesso quibus tantum humanorum constat effectus actuum · Voluntas scilicet atque potestas · Ut his qui ad cumulum misericordie pietatisque lucra terrena uertentes et pro Christi nomine largitis · gratulentur se temporaliter accepisse quę omittendo gratis perpetualiter centupliciter possidebunt · Ceu preclara eius uoce nos admonet dicens Date et dabitur uobis. Huius scilicet feruore dilectione arctus ciusque inuamine fretus · EGO EADMUNDUS diuina fauente gratia basyleos Anglorum ceterarumque prouinciarum in circuitu persistentium primatum regalis regiminis optinens literarum apicibus commendare procuraui ne aut incuria successorum meorum aut inuidia quadam aut perfidia mea dicta uel facta futuri successu temporis negarentur · Et ad contrauersiam ucis successoribus demum aliquam maculam contagionis deuenire possunt · Quod consentientibus nobilium meorum agminibus · episcoporum comitum ceterorumque fidelium testium uenerabili familię · WENTONIE CIVITATIS · quę babitat in monasterio quod ibidem dedicatum est Deo · et sancto Petro Apostolo · donans donabo perpetuis temporibus · xxx. mansas in illo loco ubi ruricoli appellatiuo relatione nuncupant · PEVESIGE · quatinus illa prefata familia habeat condictam terram · pro redemptione piaculorum patris mei · EADUUEARDI · regis · Cum omnibus quę ad ipsum locum pertinere dignoscuntur · tam in notis causis quam ignotis · in modicis et in magnis · campis · pascuis · pratis · siluis siluarumque densitatibus. Sit autem predictum rus perpetuali libertate liber ab omni mundiali censu et regali coactione · excepto communi labore · expeditione · pontis arcisue coędificatione. Hoc autem tempore cachinantes uenias subdolosi huius sęculi intelliguntur interdum ineboasse · Alienum lucrum sibi usurpatiue cum ambitione iniquitatis uendicare · Sed torpentes auaritie incessus omnimodo in nomine + agie + aratonis ab omnibus Christianis interdico. Ita ut meum donum corroboratum sit cum + signaculo sancte + crucis. Etiam si quis album antiquum librum in propatulo protulerit · nec sibi nec aliis proficiat · Sed in + sempiterno + graphio deleatur, et cum iustis non scribatur nec audiatur. Sed tamen specialiter prefate congregationi prenominatam terram trado · ad repellendam nuditatem quę preuidenda est humane solicitudinis capacitati · leuius proinde indumenta uestimentorum adquirere possunt. Non tribuo ad pastum corporalis refectionis esui · nisi tantum anniuersarium mei patris diem minime in oblinione babeant sed omnino impleant quod condictum est. In cunctis uero successoribus hoc ius donationis augendo amplificando satagerint · augeat amplificetque cuncti parens genitor in hoc presenti seculo uitam illorum · et inter celibes beati felicesque sine fine in æterna doxa Letentur. Sin autem quod non optamus hanc meam donationem infringere uel mutare satagerint · horribiles inferni fusci ualuas sentiant atque terribiles dæmonum cohortes obtutibus indesinenter aspiciant · Nisi prius digna deo poenitentia ueniam legali satisfactione emendent. Istis terminibus predicta terra circumgyrata essa uidetur.

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Acta est hec prefata donatio · anno ab incarnatione domini nostri ihesu christi · DCCCCXL. Indictione XIII.

+ Ego eadmundus rex anglorum prefatam donationem cum sigillo sanctę crucis + confirmaui.

+ Ego eadgifu eiusdem regis mater tropheum agie crucis + inpressi. + Ego eadred eiusdem regis frater consignaui.

+ Ego pulfhelm dorobernensis æcclesie archiepiscopus eiusdem regis donationem cum tropheo agie crucis + consignaui.

+ Ego þeodred lundoniensis æcclesie episcopus consignaui.

+ Ego ælfheah pintaniensis æcclesie episcopus triumphalem tropheum agie crucis + inpressi.

+ Ego cenpald episcopus predictum donum consensi.		+ æþelmund dux.	+ pullaf minister.	+ ordeah minister.
+ Ego oda episcopus confirmaui.	+ ælfhere dux.	+ uhtred dux.	+ pihtgar minister.	+ eadric minister.
+ Ego ælfric episcopus consensi.	+ pulfgar dux.	+ odda minister.	+ ælfred minister.	+ ælfsige minister.
+ Ego pulfhelm episcopus consignaui	+ æþelpold dux.	+ ælfric minister.	+ pulfric minister.	+ æþered minister.
+ Ego burgric episcopus consensi.	+ æþelstan dux.	+ eadmund minister.	+ pulfgar minister.	+ pulfhelm minister.
+ Ego æþelgar episcopus roboraui.	+ ealhhelm dux.	+ pulfsige minister.	+ ælfsige minister.	

III.

EADMUND. A.D. 940.

✠ IN the name of God and the Most High Jesus Christ, who rules the realms of princes from on high, at whose nod all created things were in the beginning set in order as well as the persons who in the course of this present life have power over the same. Although at first the protoplast by transgression marred the things created, and evil ages succeeding made them worse, so that to purposes of life, our surroundings are of little value—Yet the loving Disposer of all hath of his pleasure determined, and of his mercy to us who lie in darkness and in the depths, hath granted for the salvation of mankind that men's deeds have two qualities wherein their effect doth absolutely consist to wit, will and power. In order that, by means of things created, whoso turn their earthly gains into a store of mercy and loving kindness from Christ, and do in His name distribute the same may rejoice in their temporal goods received and parted with freely in order to possess them for ever an hundredfold hereafter. As He doth plainly by His own mouth advise us, saying, Give and it shall be given to you! Know ye that being warmed by His love constrained by charity and relying on His aid I Eadmund by favour and grace of God, King of the Angles, and holding chief place of Royal government over the other provinces lying round about, have taken care to commit to writing thus providing that no denial of what I have now said and done may arise either by carelessness of my successors or from spite or from treachery in the course of time to come, and that men should not be able to gainsay the fame of my successors for some spot of contagion, falling upon them—that with the consent of my nobles, bishops, earls and other trusty witnesses assembled I make to the venerable brotherhood of the city of Winchester now dwelling in the monastery which is there dedicated to God and the holy Apostle Peter, a grant now and hereafter for all time to come, of thirty hides in that place which by report of the inhabitants of the country there, is called and named Pewsey to the intent that the aforesaid brethren shall have the land so assigned for redemption of the offences of my father King Edward with all things known to belong to the said piece of ground as well in known causes as in unknown, in small things and in great, in fields, pastures, meadows, woods, and underwood. And let the aforesaid estate be in freedom for ever, free from all worldly tax and royal demands, except the common labour of foreign service and building of bridge and castle. Now the world at present, as we perceive doth make merry and merely gossip over attempts not unfrequent in this fraudulent age, unjustly and with iniquitous ambition to claim the goods of others. But this covetousness I oppose with all my power in the name of the + holy + pledge of our redemption and I warn off the benumbing advances thereof from all christian men that so my grant may be fortified by the + sign of the holy + Cross. And should there be any charter produced and published by any man, let no good come of it to himself or to others, but in the + everlasting + roll let his name be blotted out, and not be written or heard among the righteous. But however I especially deliver the afore named land to the congregation aforesaid for the purpose of removing that nakedness, to provide against which should come within the province of human solicitude. It is for their ease towards acquiring additional raiments and vestments. No part of my grant is for food for the body in refection at meals except on the anniversary of my father, a day which they are not to forget to keep with all observances complete as they are commanded. Furthermore, let all succeeding generations exert themselves for this donation to add to the rights thereof and enlarge them. May the author and parent of all add to their life and enlarge it in this present world, and grant them among virgin souls blessings and felicity without end in the joy of everlasting glory. But should that happen, which we pray may not that they should endeavour to infringe or alter this donation may they feel the horrors of the gates of infernal gloom and see fearful troops of demons unceasingly before their gaze unless they shall first recover pardon of God, by worthy penitence and of the law by restitution. The aforesaid land appears to be surrounded by these boundaries. These are the land boundaries at Pewsey—First, from the lone oak to Metelmesbury westward, thence down to Gathearddley westward, thence to Merdown; thence from Merdown to Merwell, then onward to Headstoke, from Headstoke to Houndsgate; from Houndsgate to the boundary thorn from the boundary thorn to the corner of the hill to the south then to the whispering thorn, from the whispering thorn to Chelbrights pool from the pool to the two barrows, from the two barrows to Lusebury, from Lusebury to the smooth down, from the smooth down to the elder groves, from the elder groves to the hawk knolls, from the hawk knolls to the thorn from the thorn to the stone, from the stone to the boundary ford, from the ford along narrow way to the ford at Wilcote, from that ford to Wippe's thorn from the thorn to the ford at Ebbanbrook, from the ford to the abbot's well; from the abbot's well to the hoar apple tree, from the hoar apple tree to the white holes from the holes to the moss ley, from the moss ley to the woad ley northward, from the woad ley to Ravensgate, from Ravensgate to Emnley; from Emnley back to the oak which we named at starting.

This gift was done in the year of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ 940, Indiction XIII.

+ Ego Eadmund King of the Angles have confirmed the aforesaid gift with the sign of the holy cross.

+ Ego Eadgifu mother of this king have impressed the trophy of the holy cross. + Ego Eadred brother of this king have consigned it

+ I Wulfhelm bishop of the church of Canterbury have impressed the triumphal trophy of the holy cross.

+ I Theored bishop of the church of London have consigned it.

+ I Ælfheah bishop of the church of Winchester have impressed the triumphal trophy of the holy cross.

+ I Cenwald bishop have consented to the aforesaid gift		+ I Æthelmund duke.	+ Wullaf thane.	+ Ordeah thane
+ I Oda bishop have confirmed it.	+ I Ælfhere duke	+ I Uhtred duke	+ Wihtgar thane	+ Eadric thane
+ I Ælfric bishop have consented.	+ I Wulfgar duke	+ I Odda thane.	+ Ælfred thane	+ Ælfsige thane
+ I Wulfhelm bishop have consigned it.	+ I Æthelwold duke	+ Ælfric thane	+ Wulfric thane	+ Ethelred thane
+ I Burgric bishop have consented.	+ I Æthelstan duke	+ Eadmund thane	+ Wulfgar thane	+ Wulfhelm thane
+ I Æthelgar bishop have corroborated it.	+ I Ealhwelm duke	+ Wulfsige thane	+ Ælfsige thane.	

In nomine dī et altissimi ihū xpī. Regnante [illegible] in perpetuum. Cuius nutu creata cuncta in principio formata. presentiaque arte gratia pollentis. Licet primi protoplasti facinore [illegible] in
probris successionibus [illegible] uiles [illegible] tamen pii conditoris [illegible] illius que misericordie nobis [illegible] conscripta
[illegible] quibus tantum [illegible] fieri decuit. Voluntas scilicet atque potestas [illegible] misericordie pietatisque [illegible] pro X [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] temporalibus [illegible] que [illegible] perpetualiter [illegible] possidebunt seu preclara [illegible] uoce nos admonet dicens. Date et dabitur uobis.
huius scilicet [illegible] adiuuamine fretus. ego EADMVNDVS. diuina fauente gratia basyleos anglorum ceterarumque prouinciarum [illegible]
[illegible] Commendare procuraui ne aut incuria [illegible] successorum meorum aut in uoto quadam [illegible] mea dicta uel facta [illegible]
temporis [illegible]. Et ad [illegible] successoribus [illegible] aliquam maculam contagionis [illegible] possunt. Quod consentientibus nobilium meorum [illegible]
comitum [illegible] familie. VVENTONIE CIVITATIS. que habitat in monasterio quod ibidem dedicatum est dō et scō petro aplo. donans dono [illegible]
temporibus. XXX. mansas in illo loco ubi ruricoli appellatiuo relatione nuncupant. PEVESICE. quatinus illa prefata familia habeat [illegible] pro redemptione [illegible]
patris mei. EADVVEARDI. regis. Cum omnibus que ad ipsum locum pertinere dinoscuntur. tam in notis causis et ignotis in modicis et in magnis. Campis. pascuis. pratis. [illegible] siluarumque [illegible]
Sit autem predictum rus perpetuali libertate liber ab omni mundiali censu et regali coactione. excepto communi labore. expeditione. pontis arcisue edificatione. [illegible]
tempore cachinantes [illegible] subdolose huius [illegible] intelliguntur in [illegible] inchoare. [illegible] sibi usurpaque cum ambitione iniquitatis [illegible]. Sed [illegible]
[illegible] omnimodo in nomine agie [illegible] ab omnibus xpianis [illegible]. Ita ut meum donum corroboratum sit cum signaculo scē crucis. [illegible] aliud [illegible]
[illegible] protulerit. nec sibi nec alii [illegible]. Sed in [illegible] graphio deleatur [illegible] non scribatur nec audiatur. Sed tamen specialiter prefata [illegible]
[illegible] tradidit. [illegible] est humane sollicitationis [illegible] possunt. [illegible]
[illegible] corporalis [illegible] minime in obliuione habeant. sed omnino impleant quod constitutum est. In cunctis [illegible] successoribus [illegible]
hoc [illegible] donationis augendo amplificare [illegible]. augeat amplificetque [illegible] in hoc presenti seculo [illegible] illorum. et in [illegible] beatis felicisque sine fine in [illegible]
[illegible]. Si autem quod non optamus hanc meam donationem infringere uel [illegible] horribilis in inferni [illegible] dimonum [illegible]
[illegible] aspiciat. [illegible] digna dō [illegible] legali [illegible] emendet. [illegible] terminibus [illegible]
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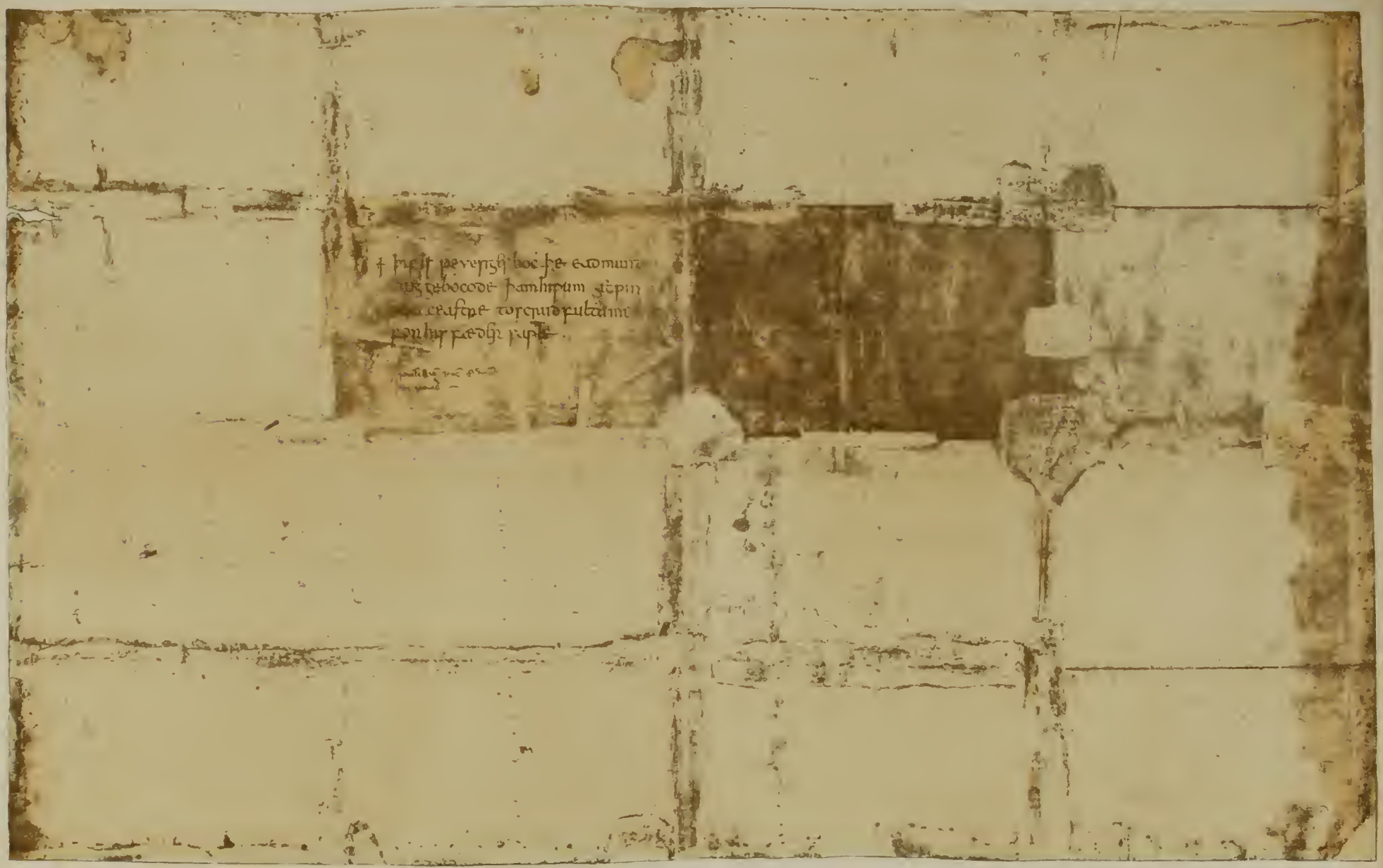
Acta est hec prefata donatio. Anno ab incarnatione dnī nrī ihū xpī. DCCCCXL. Indictione. XIII.

✝ Ego EADMVNDVS rex anglorum prefatam donationem cum sigillo scē crucis confirmaui.
✝ Ego eadgifu [illegible] mater [illegible] agie crucis impressi. ✝ Ego eadred [illegible] consignaui.
✝ Ego wulfhelm dorobernensis ecclesie archiepiscopus [illegible] cum tropheo agie [illegible] consignaui.
✝ Ego [illegible] lundoniensis ecclesie episcopus consignaui.
✝ Ego ælfheah wintaniensis ecclesie episcopus [illegible] tropheum agie crucis impressi.

✝ Ego cenwald epīs predictum donum confirmaui.	✝ æþelmund dux.	✝ wullaf [illegible]	✝ ordeah mī.
✝ Ego oda epīs confirmaui.	✝ ælfhere dux.	✝ uhtred dux.	✝ wihtgar [illegible] ✝ eadric mī.
✝ Ego ælfric epīs consensi.	✝ wulfgar dux.	✝ odda mī.	✝ ælfred [illegible] ✝ ælfsige mī.
✝ Ego wilfhelm epīs consignaui.	✝ æþelwold dux.	✝ ælfric mī.	✝ wulfric [illegible] ✝ æþered mī.
✝ Ego burgric epīs consensi.	✝ æþelstan dux.	✝ eadmund mī.	✝ wulfgar [illegible] ✝ wulfhelm mī.
✝ Ego æþelgar epīs roboraui.	✝ ealhhelm dux.	✝ wulfsige mī.	✝ ælfsige [illegible]



III.

þis is þevesiges boc þe eadmund cing geboeode þam hirum æt wintan ceastre to scrud fultume for his feder sawle.

Priuilegium Regis Edmundi de Peuesige.

III.

This is the deed of Pewsey that King Edmund thereby bestowed upon the Brotherhood at Winchester in aid of raiment for his Father's soul.

King Edmund's privilege concerning Pewsey

IV.

CNUT. A.D. 1019.

⁂CHRISTO iheſu ſaluatore noſtro · uero et ſummo deo · in unitate trino · in trinitate uno · atque incomprehenſibili natiuitate omonoios · a coeterno patre genito qui pulcherrimus rerum pulchrum profunda mente gerens empyrium · ante materialem olimpi telluris et oceani ſpecificationem · luminoſam angelorum icerarchiam · ac preclara ſolis et lunae astrorumque igneorum uasa limpida · uariegenumque cosmi quadrifidi ornatum ac ſpecimen · atque ſquamigeram neptunieq preceſſitatis copiam inexcogitabilem · ſolo dumtaxat uerbi protulit imperio · indeficienter regnante · ac triumphante · perpetualiterque omnia moderante · Ego CNUTO inclite ac ſpecioſae gentis anglorum regnator baſileius · coenobio quod nonellum dicitur · famoſa ac populoſa in ciuitate uuintonia ſitum · in quo et preclarorum confeſſorum IUDOCI atque GRIMBALDI mirifica decenter hodiernus pollent ſomata · hanc membranulam grammatum careceteribus canna ſulcante preecpi exarari ad fundum · ý · caſſatorum amplitudinem in ſe continentem quem indigenarum lingula DRAEGTUN uocitare aſſolet · quatinus hnec terra monachorum in prefato monaſterio degentium utilitatibus deſeruiat · quem admodum ante multa deſeruiebat tempora. Hanc quippe terram quidam prefate ciuitatis inhabitator adoleſcens animoſus et instabilis calliditate et mendacio ſibi a me adquiſiuit · dicens terram meam fuiſse · meque facile eam ſibimet tradere poſse · quod et feci. At ubi ueritatem agnoui · hereditatem dei dignis heredibus ocius restitui feci · et ad testimonium et confirmationem hoc in preſenti cartula manifeſtari preecpi. Et quia penes preſcriptum adoleſcentem literas huic libertati contrarias · et calliditatis indagine adquiſitas haberi comperimus et illas ſub anathemate damnamus et quaſcumque alias ſi alicubi ſunt pro nihilo ducimus. Hanequae dum taxat literaturam libertate perhenni ditamus ac corroboramus. Conſentientibus inſuper huic libertati · benedictionem et miſericordiam Chriſt · . . . . . deſſe deſideramus · et contradicentibus inferni poenas perpetuas imminere obtamus niſi a malitiae ſuae pranitate et iniuſtitia celerius reſipiſcant. Prefatae quippe telluris latera ſic ſua rurigenis dilatant confinia. Erest of humeran east be middel haemn meaere to tudanbyrig of tudanbýrig nyþer into mieceldefer and ſpa andlang mieceldefer to leofrinne meaere of leofrýnne meaere to þam haþenan heorge ~ of þam haþenan heorge eft into draegtune. Enim uero huius inſcriptionis dictionalis paginula anno dominicae incarnationis millesimo XIX. prima paschali ebdomada in preſentia regis ad confirmationem et testimonium heroum illustrium quorum theet subsequantur omonata digesta fuit. ✠ Ego CNUTO rex anglorum hoc donum libenti animo conessi atque roborani.
✠ Ego lyfing doroberneſis ecclesiae archiepiſcopus stabilitatem testimonii confirmaui. ✠ Ego þulfstan eboracenſis archiepiſcopus conſensi.
✠ Ego aelfgýfu eiusdem regis conlateranea adiuui.

✠ Ego aelfsige episcopus imposui.
✠ Ego aelfwaeld episcopus stabiliui.
✠ Ego aelfmaer episcopus adnotaui.
✠ Ego eaðnoþ episcopus impressi.
✠ Ego godrine episcopus adquieui.

✠ Ego þurkil dux.
✠ Ego yric dux.
✠ Ego godrine dux.
✠ Ego elaf dux.
✠ Ego leofrine dux.

✠ Ego regnold dux.
✠ Ego aþelsige abbas.
✠ Ego býhrtrig abbas.
✠ Ego býhrtmer abbas.
✠ Ego aelnere abbas.
✠ Ego býrhtpold abbas.

✠ Ego sihtric minister.
✠ Ego hacun minister.
✠ Ego healden minister.
✠ Ego þured minister.
✠ Ego atsere minister.
✠ Ego aelfgar minister.

✠ Ego þurkil minister
✠ Ego býrhtric minister
✠ Ego aþelwerd minister.
✠ Ego sireð minister.
✠ Ego oslac minister.
✠ Ego leofrine minister.

Gloria et diuitiae et felicitas et beatitudo cunctis huic faucntibus in tabernaculis donetur iustorum

IV.

CNUT. A.D. 1019.

⁂IN the name of Christ Jesus our Saviour very and highest God three in Unity and one in Trinity and by incomprehensible nativity of one substance with the coeternal Father and by Him begotten · Who, being most perfect and bearing in His profound mind perfect empire over all created things before the material specification of heaven, earth and ocean, did, merely by sole word of command, call forth the brilliant liberality of angels · the bright transparent lamps of the sun, moon and stars · the various produce and adornment of the four quarters of the world; and the inconceivable abundance of fish in Neptune's stormy waste. Who now is King and Conqueror and holdeth all thing under his command continually · I Cnut ruler and monarch of the land is and far nation of the Angles have commanded this little charter to be set down in letters formed by the furrowing reed, granting the farm containing within itself the extent of 5 cassates, which, in the language of the inhabitants is commonly called Drayton, to the Monastery called New, situated in the famous and populous city of Winchester, where the bodies of the very celebrated Confessors Judoc and Grimbald are · still to this day fitly powerful in working miracles, so that this estate shall be applied to the use of the Monks dwelling in the Monastery aforesaid, as it was some time ago. For, indeed, a certain inhabitant of the aforesaid city, a daring and unprincipled youth, by craft and falsehood obtained this land from me for himself, saying that the land was mine, and that I could easily make it over to him · which in fact, I did. But as soon as I became aware of the truth, I have speedily restored the inheritance of God to its proper heirs · and in witness and confirmation of this I have caused the same to be made manifest in this present charter. And whereas we have understood that there exist in the possession of this young man deeds contrary to this grant, and acquired by wily research, we both lay them under a curse and also denounce as worthless any other such if any where they be to be found, and we endow and strengthen this written charter above with perpetual freedom. We moreover desire that the blessing and mercy of Christ may fall to all those who consent to this freedom, and we invoke the everlasting pains of Hell upon all those who contradict it · unless they very swiftly return to reason from the depravity and injustice of their malice. The sides, forsooth of the aforesaid land thus extend their boundaries to the countrymen. First from Humer east by middle haulm mark to Tudbury · from Tudbury downward into Micheldever · and so along Micheldever to Leofwine's mark · from Leofwine's mark to the heathen barrow and from the barrow again into Drayton. And indeed the expressive page of this inscription was set in order in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 1019 in the first week of Easter in the King's presence and by the confirmation and testimony of the illustrious heroes whose names follow below. ✠ I Cnut king of the Angles have consented to and corroborated this gift with a willing mind.
✠ I Lyfing archbishop of the Church of Canterbury have confirmed the stability of this testament
✠ I Wulfstan archbishop of York have consented.
✠ I Elfgyfu consort of the same king have assisted.

✠ I Aelfsige bishop have imposed.
✠ I Byrhtwold bishop have strengthened it
✠ I Aelfmaer bishop have noted
✠ I Eathmoth bishop have impressed it
✠ I Godwine bishop have acquiesced.

✠ I Thurkil duke
✠ I Yric duke
✠ I Godwine duke
✠ I Elaf duke
✠ I Leofwine duke

✠ I Regnold duke
✠ I Athelsige abbot
✠ I Byhrtwig abbot
✠ I Byrhtmer abbot
✠ I Aluere abbot
✠ I Byrhtwold abbot

✠ I Sihtric thane
✠ I Hacun thane
✠ I Healden thane
✠ I Thured thane
✠ I Atsere thane
✠ I Aelfgar thane

✠ I Thurkil thane
✠ I Byrhtric thane.
✠ I Athelwerd thane
✠ I Sireth thane
✠ I Oslac thane
✠ I Leofwine thane

Glory and riches and felicity and beatitude be awarded in the tabernacles of the just, to all who favour this

PXpo ihu saluatore uero & summo dō in unitate trino in trinitate uno: atq: incomprehensibili maiestate omnipotent
ac coeterno patre genito qui pulcherrimus rerum pulchrum profunda mente gerens empyrium ante materialem olimpi telluris
& oceani specificationem luminosam angelorū ierarchiam ac predam solis & lunae astrorumq: igneorum uasa limpida uarigenumq:
cosmi quadrifidi ornatū ac specimen atq: squamigram neptunice procellosiatis copiam ingeneratabile solo dum tacet uerbi pulcr
imperio indeficienter regnante ac triumphante ppetualiterq omnia moderante. Ego cnuto indite aeq speciosae gentis anglorum rex
nator basileus coenobio quod nouellū dicitur famosa ac pop losa mea cure in honorem sancti dnique & praesulum confessoru iuxta
atq: ornamentorum mirifica decentiae hodierni pollent formata hanc membranulam grammatum carte cerebus canna sulcante incepi exarari
adfundum v cassatorum amplitudinem insecantem quem indigenarum lingula DRAGTUN uocitare assolet quatinus haec terra monas
chorum inprefato monasterio degentium ultratib deseruiat quemadmodum ante multa deseruiebat tempora. Hanc quippe terrā quidam
prefatae ciuitatis inhabitator adolescens animosus & instabilis callidtate & mendacio sibi ante adquisiuit dicens terram meam fuisse meq: facile
tem sibi me cedere posse quod & feci. Ac ubi uentatem agnouit hereditatem di dignis heredib: ocius restitui feci & adtestimonium & con
firmationem hoc inpresenti cartula manifestari praecepi. Et quia penes prescriptum adolescentem hereditas huic libertati contrarias &
callidtatis indagine adquisitas haberi comperimus & illas sub anathemate dampnauimus & quascumq: alias si alicubi sunt prohibito du
cimus hanc quoque dum taxat sacratam libertatem perpetuam dicimus ac corroboramus. Consentientibus insuper huic libertati benedictionem
[illegible] & contradicentib [illegible] potestas ppetuas imminere obtinere si amatore suae praui
tate & iniustitia celerius resipiscant. Prefatae quippe telluris latera sic sua rungenis dilatant confinia. Ypete of humepan east be midd
hæma meapce to eudan byrig. of eudan byrig on þep ane mile east þep. ⁊ þa andlang mileð þep to leoppinne meapce. of leoppinne meapce to þam hæþenan beorge
of þam hæþenan beorge east in to þrig cune. Enim uero huius inscriptionis dictionalis paginula Anno dnicae incarnationis millesimo xix
prima paschali ebdomada inpresentia regis adconfirmationem & testimonium heroum illustrium quorum hic & subsequuntur
onomata digesta fuere. † Ego cnuto rex anglorum hoc lōgum libertatis animo concessi atque roboraui.
† Ego lyfing doroberniensis ac ecclesiae archiepis stabilitatem [illegible] confirmaui. † Ego pulfcan eboracensis archiepis consensi.

† Ego ælfgyfu eiusdem regis conlateranea adhibui				† Ego þegnold	dux	† Ego þinque	mīs	† Ego þupkil	minist		
† Ego ælfric	imp	[illegible]	upkil	dux	† Ego æþelric	abb	† Ego hucun	mīs	† Ego byþinque	minist	
† Ego byþinpold	epis	stabilui		dux	† Ego byþhrig	abb	† Ego heaþen	mīs	† Ego æþelpeard	minist	
† Ego ælfmar	epis	adnotaui	† Ego	pine	dux	† Ego byþhemund	abb	† Ego þupred	mīs	† Ego grimed	minist
† Ego eadnoþ	epis	impressi	† Ego	elur	dux	† Ego ælurice	abb	† Ego ærsige	mīs	† Ego ærlac	minist
† Ego godpine	epis	adquieui	† Ego	leoppine	dux	† Ego byþrepold	abb	† Ego ælfgar	mīs	† Ego leoppine	minist

Gloria & diuitiae & reuerentia & beatitudo cuncta huic libertati [illegible] aeternis tabernaculis donentur [illegible]

IV.

Priuilegium regis Cnuti de Draytone.
Cnutt Draigtun huic ecclesiæ.

IV.

King Cnut's privilege of Drayton
Cnutt Draytun to this Church

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BURHGRED OF MERCIA. A.D. 862.

IN nomine domini nostri ihesu christi ego burgredus deo omnipotentissimo concedente et auxiliante rex merciorum · uolens et cogitans pro maiore remedio anime mee et de honore dei omnipotentis in secula ampliare donaciones et libertates quas ego et predecessores mei reges loco cenobiali ecclesie sancti Petri ad gleapceasdre concesserunt · nequando religiose uiuentes in dicto loco per ministros seculares quoscumque pro negocio terreno infra dictum locum cenobialem impediantur a deuocione quam debent altissimo famulari deo uel molestentur concedo et uolo ego rex merciorum quod monasterium sancti petri ad gleapceasdre et religiose uiuentes in eodem monasterio eadem libertate et eisdem legibus et consuetudinibus quas ego et predecessores mei reges concesserunt et donauerunt libere et in pace gaudeant et utantur et ut sub ipsa mea protectione speciali magis quiete deo seruiant idem monasterium liberum facio et quietum ac omnia monasteriola loca que eidem obedient et pertinent ab omni terreno negocio et seruicio ne liceat in antea in eternum aliquibus ministris secularibus aut alicui hominum nisi ipsius loci cenobialis ministris aliquod officium seculare infra eundem locum exercere aut excercere pretendere pro quacumque causa nisi pro causa que penam mortis petit et hec eciam concessi et renouari feci cum consensu ac licencia omnium optimatum meorum in illo regali uico et concilio quod habebatur ad pelesburnan et nullus homo ex nostris non querat ab illis plus maiorem causam huius nisi quo ante et iam nunc est concessum et ordinatum ea duntaxat condicione statuta ut oraciones et obsecraciones ibi deo seruiencium pro me et pro iustis heredibus meis iugiter in illa ecclesia nocte et die memoriter seruentur. Qui vero hanc concessionis libertatem heredum uel successorum meorum custodierit æterna claritate coronetur et nomen eius sit scriptum in libro uite. Si quis quod absit cuius libet persona contra hanc libertatis cartulam uenire nititur sit sub anathemate inde proditoris domini nostri ihesu christi nisi hic deo et hominibus digne emendauerit et si quis hoc augere uel seruare noluerit benedicionem dei celi cum omnibus sanctis suis percipiat in sempiternum. AMEN.

+ Hæc fuerunt gesta et concessa anno dominicę incarnationis DCCC°LXII° indictione X° cum consensu et beneficencie piissimi regis merciorum burgredi et uenerabilis archiepiscopi ciolnoðt et omnium episcoporum et principum et aliorum nobilium quorum nomina et signa hic infra notantur ut firmior hec res in eternum constitueretur.

+ ego burgreð rex merciorum hanc propriam donacionem libertatis et positine signum crucis inpono.
+ ego ciolnold gracia dei archiepiscopus hanc donacionem confirmans subscripsi.
+ ego æþelswiþ regina huic donationi regis concesse signum crucis infixi.
+ ego wulfsig episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ ego ciorreð episcopus consensi et subscripsi.
+ ego humbeanrht dux consensi.
+ ego biornoð dux consensi.
+ ego eamberht dux consensi.
+ ego eaðred dux consensi.
+ ego beorn heanð dux consensi.
+ ego aldred abbas.
+ ego plegberht abbas.
+ ego wulfred.
+ ego wernberht.
+ ego ælfstan.
+ ego beohtric.
+ ego beornwulf.

BURHGRED OF MERCIA. A.D. 862.

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I, Burgred by the consent and assistance of Most Almighty God King of the Mercians, willing and purposing, for the greater cure of my soul and for the eternal honour of Almighty God, to enlarge the grants and liberties which I and my predecessors, Kings, have bestowed upon the Monastery of St. Peter of Gloucester, lest at any time the Religious persons living there should be by any secular servants for any earthly affairs within the said Monastery, hindered or molested in the devotions which they are bound to perform in the service of the Most High God: I, the King of the Mercians, will and grant that the Monastery of St. Peter of Gloucester and the Religious persons living in the same Monastery may freely and in peace enjoy and use the same freedom and the same laws and customs which I and my predecessors, Kings, granted and gave them: and in order that they may the more quietly serve God under my very special protection, I make the same Monastery, and all the monasterial places which belong and are subject to the same, free and quit of all earthly affairs and service; so that it shall not be lawful, as of old for all future time, for any secular servants, or any man, unless the servants of the Monastery itself, to exercise or pretend to exercise any secular office within the same upon any pretence whatever, unless for a cause which calls for the punishment of death: and these things I have granted and caused to be renewed, with the consent and licence of all my nobles in that Royal town, and the Council which was held at Welhesbourn: and let no man of ours seek from them any greater cause for this, than has before been and now is granted and ordained: with this condition only, that the prayers and petitions of those serving God there, for me and my right heirs, be for ever kept up, in memory night and day, in that church. May he moreover of my heirs or successors who shall observe this liberty of grant be crowned with eternal splendour and may his name be written in the Book of Life. But if any free person—which God forbid—endeavour to gainsay this charter of liberty: let him be laid under the curse of Judas the Betrayer of Jesus Christ unless he here make fit amends to God and men: and if any one will keep and augment the same let him receive the blessing of the God of Heaven with all His Saints for ever and ever. Amen.

+ These things were done and granted in the year of the Dominical Incarnation 862 the 10th Indiction with the consent and by the beneficence of the most pious King of the Mercians, Burgred and the venerable archbishop Ciolnoth and all the bishops, princes, and other nobles whose names and marks are noted here below, in order that this matter may be the more firmly established for ever.

+ I Burgreth King of the Mercians impose the sign of the Cross upon this my own grant of liberty and concession.
+ I Ciolnold by God's Grace Archbishop confirming, have subscribed this grant.
+ I, Æthelswith Queen of the Mercians have affixed the sign of the cross to this gift granted by the King.
+ I, Wulfsig bishop have consented and subscribed.
+ I Ciorreth bishop have consented and subscribed.
+ I, Humbeanrht duke have consented.
+ I Biornoth duke have consented.
+ I, Eamberht duke have consented.
+ I, Eathred duke have consented.
+ I, Beorn heanth duke have consented.
+ I, Aldred abbot.
+ I Plegberht abbot.
+ I, Wulfred.
+ I, Wernberht.
+ I, Ælfstan.
+ I, Berhtric.
+ I, Beornwulf.

In nomine dñi nr̄i ihū xp̄i ego burgredus deo ōipotentissimo concedente et adiuuante per merciou uoluntatis et cogitatus pro iaiopere remedio animæ meæ et de honore dei ōipotentis in seculo ampliare donaciones et libertates quas ego et predecessores mei reges loco cenobialis ecclesiæ sancti petri apostolorum principis concesserunt nequando religiose iuuentes in dei loto per ministeria seculares quos cuiq; p negocio temporis infra dei loci cenobialem impediant a deuocione qua debent altissimo famulari deo et molestentur concedo et uolo ego per meum gratiosum quod monasterium sancti petri apostolorum principis religiose iuuentes in eodem monasterio ordinate libertate et esse legibus et consuetudinibus quas ego et predecessores meis reges concesserunt et donauerunt liberi et in pace gaudeant et in omnibus et sub ipsa mea protectione specialiter magis quiete deo seruiant idem monasterium libum facio et quietum ac omnia monasteriola loca quæ eidem obedientia pertinent ab omni tributo et negocio et seruicio ne liceat mandare de cetero aliquid ministeris secularis ~~[illegible]~~ hominum nisi ipsius loci cenobialis ministeris aliquod officium seculare infra eundem locum exercere aut exercere pretendere p quacunq; causa nisi p causa que pena mortis repetit et hæc etiam concessit et fecit cum consensu et licencia omnium optimatum meorum in ~~[illegible]~~ regali uico et concilio quod habebat apud elsbury nam et nullus homo qui nisi non quesitur ab illis plus in aliquo causam huius nisi quisquis et iam huic est concessum et confirmatum ea diuitiarum et iudicione sed tantum ut oraciones et obsecraciones ibi deo seruientium pro me et pro uestris heredibus meis uigent in illa ecclesia nocte et die in memoria seruiente. Si uero hanc concessionis libertatis hedum et successorum meorum custodierit et regna dignitatis coronetur nomen eius sic scriptum in libro uitæ. Si quis quod absit eius libertatem plenam et hanc libertatis cartulam uenire uiuere sit sub anathematis iudicio et dei et dñi nr̄i ihū xp̄i et hominum; diuque eum damnent et si quis hoc augere et seruare noluerint benedictionem dei et omnium; sed sit perpetuum in sempiternum. Amen.

Hæc fuerunt gesta et concessa anno dñice incarnationis dccclxxiii indictione x. in presencia et benedictione burgredi regis mercorum et omnium episcoporum et principum et aliorum nobilium quorum nomina et signa hic infra notantur in primis burgred rex mercorum hanc donationem libertatis et positum signum crucis impono. Ego eadbert dux consenti. Ego pulf pres. Ego ciolnoth archiepiscopus hanc donationem confirmauit subscripsit. Ego eadred dux consenti. Ego peptm episcopus. Ego. athelmund regina huic donationi regis concessit signum crucis impressit. Ego beorhtwulf heard dux consenti. Ego alstan. Ego pulfrid episcopus consenti et subscripsit. Ego humberht dux consenti. Ego aldred abbas. Ego berht pic. Ego eadred episcopus consenti et subscripsit. Ego beorhtnoth dux consenti. Ego pleg berht abbas. Ego beorn pulf.

Confirmacio priuilegiorum Sancti Petri Gloucestriæ. Cap XIV. de la. tc.

Confirmation of the privileges of St. Peter of Gloucester.

TAUNTON MUSEUM.

INI. A.D. 705.

✠ IN nomine domini dei nostri Iesu Christi saluatoris ea quæ secundum decreta canonum tractata fuerint licet sermo tantum ad testimonium sufficeret tamen pro incerta futuri temporis fortunam cirographorum sedulis sunt roboranda quæ propter ego Ini · regnante domino rex · lxv casatos pro remedio animæ meæ berualdo abbati uideor contulisse his locorum limitibus designatam iuxta flumen quod appellatur · tau · xx casatos et alibi in loco qui dicitur pouelt xx manentes necnon ex utroque margine fluminis cuius vocabulum est duluting xx casatos pertingentes usque ad conuallem qui dicitur correges cumb. ex occidentali uero plaga eiusdem uallis quinque casatos · si quis hanc donationis cartulam augere et amplificare uoluerit auget et amplificet deus partem eius in libro uite · si quis frangere aut iurita facere tirannica potestate tentauerit sciat se coram christo et angelis eius rationem redditurum .·. Scripta est autem hæc singrapha Indictione i i i i mense iunio anno ab incarnatione domini · DCCV

+ Ego berenualdus archepiscopus consentiens subscripsi
+ Ego headda episcopus subscripsi
+ Ego ecce episcopus subscripsi.
+ Ego tyretil episcopus subscripsi.
+ Ego uualdarius episcopus subscripsi.
+ Ego eggwinus episcopus subscripsi.
+ Ego eluunus episcopus subscripsi.
+ Ego aldhelmus episcopus subscripsi
+ Ego daniel plebi dei ministrans subscripsi

INI. A.D. 705.

✠ IN the name of the Lord God our Saviour Jesus Christ. To ratify those things which have been treated according to the decrees of the canons, although speech alone may suffice for testimony thereof, yet on account of the uncertain fortune of the time to come, it is necessary that they should be strengthened by the schedules of cheirographs. Wherefore I, Ini by the Lord's command King, have thought good for the cure of my soul, to confer upon Abbot Berwald 65 casates marked out by these boundaries near the river which is called Tone 20 casates; and elsewhere in a place which is called Poholt 20 hides; and also on each bank of the river the name of which is Doulting, 20 casates, extending as far as the enclosed valley which is called Crescombe, and on the west side of the same valley five casates. If any one shall wish to increase and amplify this deed of gift, may God increase and amplify his place in the book of life. If any one shall attempt by tyrannic power to infringe or annul the same, let him know that he will have to render an account before Christ and His angels. Moreover this deed was written in the 4th Indiction in the month of June in the year from the Incarnation of Our Lord 705.

+ I Berwald archbishop consenting have subscribed
+ I Headda bishop have subscribed
+ I Ecce bishop have subscribed
+ I Tyretil bishop have subscribed
+ I Waldar bishop have subscribed.
+ I Eggwin bishop have subscribed.
+ I Elwin bishop have subscribed.
+ I Aldhelm bishop have subscribed.
+ I Daniel servant of God's people have subscribed

In nomine dni dei nostri Ihu xpi. Peccatorum quoque remedium

[illegible] sufficere tamen pro licentia [illegible]

in regnante dno [illegible]

[illegible] iuxta flumen quod appellatur [illegible]

[illegible] nominis eiusdem nocabatur [illegible]

et ecclesiastica usque plagas iudicii pallii quinque [illegible]

[illegible] et capitulum [illegible] suis in libris [illegible]

[illegible] pro et angelus suus [illegible] reddidit [illegible]

ab [illegible] nativitate dni. dccc u

Ego berenuald archi [illegible]

Ego theuda ego subscripsi

Ego ecce ego subscripsi

Ego [illegible] ego subscripsi

[illegible] cenobium tractata [illegible] licet [illegible] tantum adscripto

[illegible] pharium [illegible] sunt roboranda quae propter ego

[illegible] abbatis [illegible] contulisse hi locorum [illegible] desiderio

[illegible] usque ad conuallem qui dicitur [illegible] cum

hanc donationis cartulam auctore et conpletore uoluerit

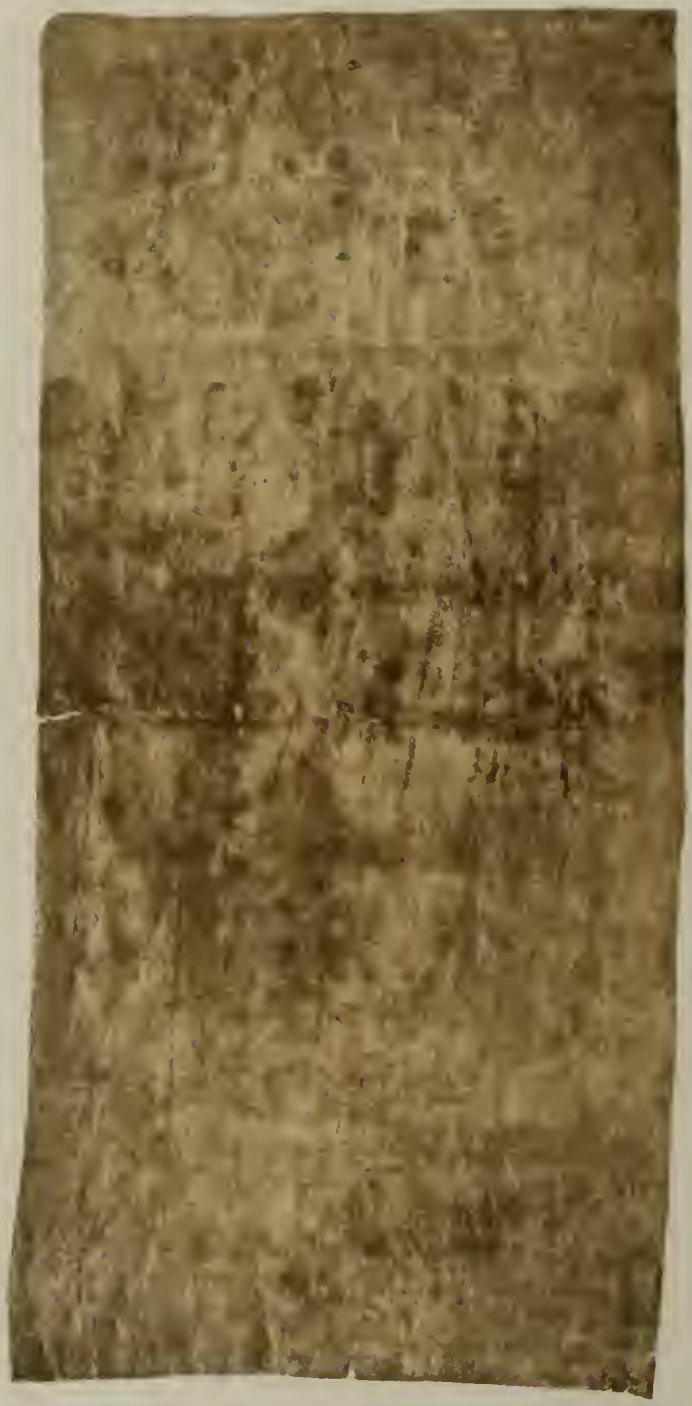
[illegible] aut infra [illegible] potestate [illegible] perdiderit [illegible]

[illegible] k. hanc [illegible] Indictione IIII mense iunio anno

[illegible] subscripsi Ego daniel [illegible] dei [illegible]

Ego [illegible] subscripsi

Ego [illegible] et [illegible]



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ÆTHELSTAN. A.D. 938

✠ ANNO dominicę incarnationis DCLXX indictione XI. Ego Æthelstan rex totius brýttannię insulę dabo pro ęterna retributione et pro expiatione animę mę unum cassatum in loco ubi ab incolis nocitatur Toppesham deo et sanctę marię ad monasterium quod a solicolis nominatur exacestre ut habeat quamdiu fides catholica in gente anglorum permaneat. Precipimus et obsecramus in dei omnipotentis nomine et in sanctę trinitatis honore. ut nullus hominum in aliquo tempore unquam ausus fuerit hanc nostram donationem minuere aut frangere in aliquo sed semper stabilis et inconcussa permaneat tam deo quam et hominibus usque in ęternum tempus. Si quis autem hoc munus in aliquo frangere uel minuere temptauerit. sciat se coram deo et sanctę marię rationem reddere. nisi hic prius celeriter emendet coram idoneis testibus. Huius agelluli termini hęc sunt. Erest fram toppes horan up an exan on þone ncaran teampol þanon up on exan þęnne of exan on þa smalan lacc of þęre lacc eft an exan þęnne up anlang exan on þone uferan teampol þanon up on exan stream oÑ pole up of pole on þone caldan herpoÑ to dýrans treope þanan suÑ on pýnford up on stream on pýndeles cumb middepeardne up on þa pýcian þanon anlang dice on þone peg east anlang peges on þęre dice hyrnan anlang dice ut on clýst anlang streames eft to toppes horan

✠ Ego æÑelstan rex anglorum hanc nostram donationem cum signo crucis impressi.
✠ Ego eadmund indolis clito consilium dedi.
✠ Ego ealfhelm archiepiscopus consolidaui.

✠ Ego þeodred episcopus subscripsi	✠ æÑelstan dux	✠ ealhmund minister.
✠ Ego ælfheah episcopus adquieui.	✠ ælfhere dux.	✠ æÑelmod minister.
✠ Ego brihtelm episcopus consensi.	✠ eadmund dux.	✠ deormod minister.
✠ Ego eadelm episcopus faui.	✠ æþelsige dux.	✠ ealfgar minister.
✠ Ego æÑelgar episcopus conclusi.	✠ odda minister.	✠ osulf minister.

ÆTHELSTAN. A.D. 938.

✠ IN the year of the Dominical Incarnation 670, the 11th Indiction. I Æthelstan, King of the whole island of Britain, will give for eternal retribution and for the expiation of my soul, one cassate in the place which is called by the inhabitants Toppesham, for God and St. Mary to the Monastery which is named by the inhabitants Exeter. that it may have it as long as the Catholic Faith shall endure among the people of the Angles. We command and beseech in the name of Almighty God and the honour of the Holy Trinity that no man ever at any time shall dare to diminish or infringe in any thing this our grant but that it shall always remain firm and unshaken, as well to God as to men, for all time. Moreover, if any one shall attempt to infringe or in any way diminish this gift, let him know that he will have to render an account before God and St. Mary, unless he here quickly make amends before proper witnesses. The boundaries of this little estate are these. First from Toppeshore up on the Exe to the nearer breeding pool then up the Exe then from the Exe to the small lake from the lake again to the Exe then up along the Exe to the upper breeding pool then up Exe stream to the pool up from the pool to the old high way to Dyran's tree then south to Wynford up stream to Wundele's combe midward up to the pear tree then along the dike to the way east along the way to the corner of the dike along the dike out to Clyst: along stream again to Toppe'hon.

✠ I Athelstan King of the Angles have impressed this our grant with the sign of the cross.
✠ I Edmund Ætheling have given advice.
✠ I Wulfhelm Archbishop have consolidated.

✠ I Theodred bishop have subscribed.	✠ Æthelstan duke.	✠ Wihtmund thane.
✠ I Elfheah bishop have acquiesced.	✠ Elfhere duke.	✠ Ethelmod thane.
✠ I Brihtelm bishop have consented.	✠ Edmund duke.	✠ Deormod thane.
✠ I Eadelm bishop have favoured.	✠ Ethelsige duke.	✠ Wulfgar thane.
✠ I Ethelgar bishop have concluded.	✠ Odda thane.	✠ Osulf thane.

+ Anno dominicæ incarnationis dclxx. indictione xi. Ego Ædelfrannus
totius Britanniæ insulæ. dabo pœnam pro ipsius ultione et pro piaculo
ne animæ meæ unum casatum in loco ubi habitant uidi
Toppes ham do ecclesiæ Maruc ad monasterium quod apud Scireburnam
minatur. ea ratione ut habeat quamdiu fidei catholicæ in gente
anglorum permaneat. Præcipimus etiam per hanc indi omnipotentis nomine
et sanctæ trinitatis honore. ut nullus hominum in aliquo tempore
umquam audeat hanc nostram donationem minuere aut
frangere nec aliquo sed semper firmiter et inconcussa permaneat tam
do quam et hominibus usque in extremum tempus. Si quis autem hoc minuere in aliquo
frangere uel minuere temptauerit. sciat se coram do ecclesiæ Maruc
rationem reddere. nisi hic prius celerit emendare coram iudicibus ecclesiæ.
huius cellulæ termini hæc sunt. æquest: fluum toppes hoppan up anecan
on bone neapian tam pol hanan. up on eccan hamme oppecan on basma
lanlace oppæne lace eft anecan hamme up anlang eccan on bone uppian
tam pol hanon up on tanfrieta. od pole up oppole on bone ealdan hepi
pod to dýpian frietope hanan sud on pýnbosid up on frietan on pýn deler cumb
middepeapdine up on ba pýpran hanon anlang dice on boye pes eaft an
lang pesep on sæpe dice hýpnan æplan dice in on cliff anlang frieta
mes eft to toppes hoppan.

+ Ego Ædelfrannus anglorum hanc nostram donationem cum signo crucis impressi.
+ Ego Eadmund indolis clito consilium dedi.
+ Ego Pulchelm archiepiscopus consolidam

+ Ego Brodried episcopus subscripsi.	+ Ædelfran dux.	+ Pihtmund miles.
+ Ego Ælpheah episcopus adquieui.	+ Ælpheric dux.	+ Ædelmod miles.
+ Ego Byhtrelm episcopus consensi.	+ Eadmund dux.	+ Deorlmod miles.
+ Ego Eadelm episcopus fui.	+ Æbelyne dux.	+ Pulfgar miles.
+ Ego Ædelgar episcopus conclusi.	+ Odda miles.	+ Oslac miles.

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Carte regum De Toppisham

Toppesham.
an hid.

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Regis æ Mstam de topesham

The King charter of Toppisham

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Topesham.

King Ethelstan' — o [illegible] Topesham

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